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Author Banu Mushtaq to inaugurate Mysuru Dasara today

Mysuru is all decked up for Dasara festivities. The 11-day grand celebrations will be formally inaugurated by International Booker Prize winner Banu Mushtaq during the auspicious Vrushchika Lagna between 10.10 am and 10.40 am on Monday by showering flowers on the idol of Goddess Chamundeshwari, placed in a silver chariot atop the Chamundi Hills in Mysuru.

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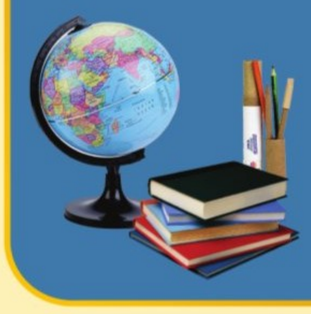
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AFTER CHAOS, A U-TURN

White House clarifies visa fee only for newbies

The Trump administration has clarified that the new $100,000 fee for H-1B visas is a one-time payment applicable only to new petitions and does not apply to current visa holders, providing a huge relief for thousands of concerned professionals working in the US, including from India

H-1B petitions submitted before the effective proclamation date of September 21 are not affected. Those visa holders currently outside the US also do not need to pay the fee for re-entering the country

White House Press Secretary Karoline Leavitt said those who already hold H-1B visas and are outside US won't be charged $100,000 to re-enter; they can leave and re-enter the country as earlier | **P9**

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On a wheel and a prayer: Afghan teen stowaway survives flight

The Airbus A340 that landed in New Delhi Sunday with a stowaway | KAM AIR

S LALITHA @ New Delhi

IN a daring and reckless act, a 13-year-old boy from Afghanistan clandestinely stowed away on a flight to India on Sunday by hiding in the rear wheel well of an aircraft.

The teenager survived the 94-minute journey and 'landed' safely at Delhi's Indira Gandhi International Airport in stable physical condition, four sources familiar with the incident told this newspaper.

The incident occurred on flight RQ4401, operated by Afghanistan's KAM Air.

According to flightradar24.com, the Airbus A340 departed Hamid Karzai International Airport in Kabul at 8:46 am IST and landed at Terminal 3 at 10:20 am. A security source said the boy, clad in a kurta and pyjama, intended to sneak into

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Iran but boarded the wrong flight. The teenager admitted to tailgating passengers at Kabul airport to access the flight, before hiding in the wheel well during boarding.

The incident came to light when a ground handler at T3 taxiway spotted the boy walking in the restricted apron area, after the flight landed and passengers had disembarked. He alerted authorities.

The Central Industrial Security Force took the boy into custody, and later handed him over to airport police. As a minor, the boy is immune from legal charges, a security source confirmed.

An aviation expert described the act as perilous, noting that survival outside the aircraft during flight is nearly impossible, while a doctor stressed on the improbability of surviving such extreme conditions.

Aviation expert Captain Mohan Ranganathan said there was only one way the boy could have survived. "After take-off, the wheel bay door opens, the wheel retracts and closes. He must have got into this space."

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33 castes deactivated, survey begins today

DEVARAJ B HIREHALLI
@ Bengaluru

AMID strong opposition from some ministers, opposition parties and religious heads, the Karnataka State Commission for Backward Classes is all set to begin the Socio-Economic and Educational Survey-2025 from Monday by masking 33 Hindu castes with the Christian religion identity from the mobile application developed for the survey.

Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot too had raised concerns following a representation by a BJP delegation and had written to Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, pointing out that the inclusion of castes with the Christian tag would create unrest in the society.

On Saturday, the commission stated, "Because of the confusion and spread of wrong information, the names of castes have been deactivated from the list. But there is an option for those willing to register voluntarily."

This means castes like Akkasaliga Christian (code A-0020), Brahmana Christian (A-0217), Kuruba Christian (A-0810), Vokkaliga Christian (A-1542) and Vysya Brahmana Christian (A-1545) will not be registered. But those willing to identify with whichever caste, including the 33 that have been masked and those beyond that, they can do so by opting for the 'others' column with the specific entry. But they will not be included in the list of 1,528 castes, the commission said.

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Shun foreign goods, turn to Indian for country's prosperity: PM Modi

Says across-the-board support for made-in-India products, GST reforms will push growth

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR
@ New Delhi

AMID persisting concerns over souring trade ties with the US, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday urged people to shun foreign products and instead use *swadeshi* (made-in-India) goods to boost India's growth. A massive *swadeshi* push, along with the GST reforms that kick in from Monday, will accelerate India's growth story, he said.

"Today, knowingly or unknowingly, many foreign things have become a part of our daily lives, and we are not even aware of it. We do not even know whether the comb in our pocket is foreign or Indian. We will have to get rid of these also. We should buy goods that are made in India, in which the hard work of our youth, the sweat of

Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressing the nation on Sunday | PTI

our sons and daughters are involved," Modi said in his address to the nation on the eve of the auspicious Navaratri.

The PM's speech comes amid inconclusive trade talks with the US and a day after Washington introduced an unprecedented $100,000 fee for H-1B visas.

Modi said homes and shops should become 'symbols of *swadeshi*', adding that it is a big step for *aatmanirbhar* Bharat. "Every shop has to be decorated with *swadeshi* products. Say with pride that this is Swadeshi, say with pride, I buy Swadeshi, I also sell Swadeshi goods... this should become the attitude of every Indian," he said.

GST 2.0 from today

Starting Monday, prices of about 375 items ranging from kitchen staples to electronics, medicines and equipment to automobiles will get cheaper as reduced GST rates come into effect. Auto majors and FMCG firms have already announced reduction in prices in view of GST rationalisation | **P13**

Urging states to create a conductive atmosphere for investment, he said India can be self-reliant only if the states and the Centre work together.

With the new, reduced GST rates coming into effect on Monday, Modi said the reforms will enhance people's savings and give further momentum to the Swadeshi pitch.

Noting that everyday essentials are more affordable under the revised tax structure, he termed the GST reforms *bachat utsav* (savings festival), adding that that each and everyone stands to benefit.

Recalling that India took its first steps towards GST reforms in 2017, Modi highlighted that for decades, citizens and traders were entangled in a complex web of taxes. "But now One Nation One Tax has been made through GST," he added.

Mithun Manhas set to become next BCCI chief

FIROZ MIRZA @ Chennai

THIS could be the first time a Jammu-born cricketer is set hold the Indian cricket board's (BCCI) top post. Former Delhi and Jammu & Kashmir player Mithun Manhas is set to take over as BCCI president during the annual general meeting scheduled at its headquarters in Mumbai this upcoming Sunday. Manhas, who is currently a member of a BCCI-formed sub-committee running cricket in J&K, filed his nomination in Mumbai on Sunday, taking the cricket fraternity by surprise.

Mithun Manhas

"A new body is being made for the next term. Mithun Manhas is a former player and it was decided to make him the president. Arun Dhumal is the chairman of IPL governing council and he will continue in the post," BCCI vice president Rajeev Shukla told journalists in Mumbai.

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Potholes on 1.3 km stretch from ORR to Panathur filled

S Cross work to be completed by October 15, says engineer

Road-relaying work under way on Panathur Road on Saturday night | EXPRESS

MOHAMMED YACOOB @ Bengaluru

A week after a school van with 20 children on board landed in a ditch on Panathur Road, the executive engineer of the Bengaluru East City Corporation (BECC) claimed that potholes on the 1.3 km stretch from Outer Ring Road (ORR) till Panathur village have been filled.

BECC Executive Engineer Uday Chougule said that the Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB), Karnataka Power Corporation Ltd and Bengaluru Electricity Supply Company (Bescom) had dug up the road and filled it. But the filling was not sufficient, causing potholes.

The existing road is only 20 feet wide and BECC will widen it to 40 feet. Work on the 480-metre stretch has become a challenge because of land acquisition, Chougule said.

The stretch has 55 properties, and of these, five are government properties. From the rest of 50 private properties, 42 have been acquired. Of the remaining eight, four belong to farmers and they have been convinced to give up part of their land. These landowners were called for a discussion on Saturday. Almost 90 per cent of land acquisition for road widening has been completed, he explained.

"Once the remaining four properties are acquired in next two weeks, the 480 metre S Cross stretch on the ORR-Panathur Village Road will be concretised. Part of the stretch was concretised on Saturday. By October 15, the entire ORR-Panathur Road stretch of 1.8 km will be in good motorable condition. The stretch will also have side drains," Chougule explained.

After the meeting with property owners, excavation was done for side drains on Saturday evening.

The work is personally being monitored by BECC Commissioner DS Ramesh and Joint Commissioner K Dakshayini.

Loads of aggregators were used to fill potholes on the 1.3 km stretch on this road. "Our engineers are working day and night to fix the road," Dakshayini said.

All corpns start filling up potholes

ENS @ Bengaluru

AFTER the directives from CM Siddaramaiah and DCM DK Shivakumar to fill potholes in the city, all the corporations took up repair works on Sunday.

The Bengaluru Central City Corporation (BCCC) undertook pothole repair and patchwork activities across four divisions, covering a total road length of 9.45 km. During this drive on Sunday, 178 potholes were repaired and patchwork covering an area of 2,332 sq metres was completed, said BCCC Commissioner Rajendra Cholan.

He added that pothole repair works are being carried out continuously within the BCCC limits, and strict instructions have been issued to officials to accelerate pothole-filling operations in all remaining areas.

In Bengaluru South City Corporation, 38 potholes on a 4-km stretch were filled and patch works covering 800 sq metres was completed on Sunday. In Bengaluru North City Corporation, a total of 22 potholes were filled on a stretch of 2.5 km.

Meanwhile, the CM has admitted that city roads are in a bad state, and need to be asphalted. However, Leader of Opposition in the Assembly R Ashoka said instead of filling potholes, the entire road needs to be repaired and asphalted.

"The DCM has said he has given Rs 25 crore. By the time, it reaches BBMP (GBA) and tenders are called, it will take another year. By then, the rain will come again, and more potholes will appear," Ashoka added.

Officials study bike taxi ops outside K'taka

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AFTER the bike taxi ban, state transport department officials have visited cities across India where the services are operational, to understand how they are run amid challenges. Sources maintained that the teams would be submitting their findings to the high-level committee headed by Transport Secretary NV Prasad for discussion, post which a comprehensive report would be prepared, which is likely to decide the fate of bike taxis in Karnataka.

A team of two transport officials was formed and asked to visit five cities — Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai, Hyderabad, and Kolkata — where bike taxis currently operate. They were asked to look into the legal aspects, on what guidelines the taxis are operated, how the licences are issued, the fares charged and the type of vehicles permitted to be used as bike taxis. Further, they were also asked to look at the measures that the governments in these cities have taken to ensure the safety of the bike taxi users, a source said.

He added that the officials were asked to also look into the challenges in bike taxi operations, during their visits. The officials are expected to submit their reports this week to the high-level committee, post which, discussions would be held with top officials of the transport department, the source revealed.

The state transport department, from the beginning, maintained that they were not framing any policies to permit bike taxi operations. It sent its officials to other cities after the Karnataka High Court, in August, gave the state government a month to decide on the bike taxi policy.

Karnataka is the first state in India to come out with an electric bike taxi policy — 'Karnataka Electric Bike Taxi Scheme 2021' — which allowed operation of e-bike taxis. However, the scheme was withdrawn in 2024. While this made the operation of e-bike taxis illegal, there was no policy that legalised the operations of the regular petrol engine two-wheelers.

IN MEMORY

Devotees throng the Sri Kashi Vishveshwara Temple on Mahalaya Amavasya to offer Tarpana and Pinda to ancestors, in Bengaluru on Sunday | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

Presidency University celebrates 'Aarambh 2025'

BENGALURU: Presidency University celebrated its freshers day, titled 'Aarambh 2025', with cultural performances and competitions on campus. The highlight of the event was the Mr and Ms Fresher 2025 contest, where the titles were awarded to Abdul Raheem Khan and Amrutha by Anu Sukhdev, Dean of the Department of Student Affairs. The day featured a variety of programmes, including dance and music performances, as well as a fashion show.

HORAMAVU'S WOES

Collection delays, residents dump waste in vacant plots

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RESIDENTS of Horamavu (Ward-25) have raised concerns over the shortage of waste collection vehicles, saying the shortage is forcing many households to dump garbage in vacant sites.

According to residents, the ward has over 750 houses, but only 2-3 auto-tippers are deployed for door-to-door collection. As a result, the vehicles take three to four days to complete a single round, leaving households waiting for days before their waste is picked up. Unable to store wet waste for long periods, several residents said they are compelled to throw garbage in empty plots, as community bins are no longer available. These used to be the alternative for residents to discard waste, when they were unable to directly hand it over to waste collectors.

"I have no complaints about marshals or the promptness of the staff. The issue is the shortage of vehicles. By the time the auto comes back, it's already the third day and people lose patience," said Suresh Babu, a resident.

Mallappa Layout Residents' Welfare Association Secretary Shrikanth said, "The solid waste management team is doing its job, but our repeated requests to the corporation for additional vehicles have gone unheard for two years. There must be an alternative system for residents unable to hand over waste directly."

'Whom to complain to?'

A resident was recently fined for dumping near Horamavu Lake. "I waited for four days to dispose of diapers. The collection vehicle passed too early. I was forced to leave it outside. I don't mind paying the fine, but I don't know whom to complain to," said Jagannath, another resident.

Other residents pointed to issues with revised collection timings.

Early office-goers, techies with late hours, and elderly residents on upper floors struggle to match the schedule, resulting in bags being thrown into vacant sites.

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BMSCE launches PhaseShift-2025

BENGALURU: BMS College of Engineering (BMSCE) inaugurated its annual international technical symposium, PhaseShift-2025, on Friday with the theme "Meridian – Sustainably Yours". The event was inaugurated by Col HS Shankar (Retd), Chairman of Alpha Design Technologies; and Vishal Gautam, Vice-President of Engineering and Site Managing Director at Zscaler, as chief guests. Priti Rao, President of the Bioenzyme Entrepreneurs Academy of India, was the guest of honour, while Aviram Sharma, Trustee of BMSET, presided over the function. This year's edition highlighted innovation, creativity, and global collaboration, while engaging with challenges related to climate change, sustainability, and social development.

REVA University hosts 11th RENPER Int'l Conference

BENGALURU: REVA University hosted the 11th RENPER International Conference from September 17-19. The inauguration was presided over by the university's Chancellor Dr P Shyama Raju, who reaffirmed the university's commitment to research-driven global collaborations and addressing challenges aligned with the UN SDGs. Prof Emeritus Dato Dr Hj Ibrahim Che Omar and Prof Dato Dr Nik Maheran Nik Muhammad, former deputy vice-chancellors (R&I), Universiti Malaysia Kelantan, Malaysia, Assoc Prof Dr Montira Leelakriangsak, vice-president for Academic Affairs, Prince of Songkla University, Thailand & Chairman of RENPER were present. Dr Sanjay R Chitnis, Vice-Chancellor, REVA University; Dr KS Narayanaswamy, Registrar; and Prof Dr Visweswara Rao Pasupuleti, Director – International Relations & Research Collaborations & Convener, RENPER 2025, also graced the occasion.

K'taka sets up panel to regulate bus fares

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TO ensure financial sustainability of transport corporations and depoliticise fare hikes, the state government has constituted a Public Transport Fare Regulatory Committee (PTFRC), modelled on the Karnataka Electricity Regulatory Commission (KERC), to independently recommend revisions of bus fares in the state's road transport corporations.

The government stated that fare revisions have so far been irregular and often delayed due to political considerations, despite rising operational costs. Diesel expenses have nearly doubled, from Rs 7 crore per day in 2014 to Rs 13 crore in 2025, while staff costs have increased from Rs 6 crore to Rs 12 crore daily during the same period. Small, periodic fare increases are more scientific and less burdensome for passengers than steep revisions once a decade, officials said.

As per the notification, the PTFRC will consist of a retired additional chief secretary or a retired Karnataka High Court judge as chairperson, a retired principal secretary or secretary with legal expertise and an industry or finance expert as members. The managing director of the KSRTC will serve as the member-secretary.

The panel's mandate includes studying the financial condition of transport corporations, recommending fare revisions, and suggesting additional surcharges or levies to strengthen operations. It is required to submit an annual report between April 1 and December 31, which will be placed before both Houses of the state legislature, the notification added.

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

22ND September: Let's talk about taking holidays on the Moon! It's hard to believe that thirty years ago it was predicted that by now we'd be taking our leisure time on our nearest celestial neighbour. So what went wrong? Perhaps just that after the immense effort leading up to the manned landings, we all lost interest! Perhaps familiarity destroyed the mystery.

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
It's a wonderfully optimistic day, one to put equal effort into general social contacts and intense, intimate affairs. Some people will believe that all they have to do to make something happen is to think about it! Also, devote more attention to developing your special, creative talents.

TAURUS (Apr. 21 - May 21)
The burning question is whether you should concede defeat over a moral issue. I think not, for your authoritarian approach matches the mood of the times better than anyone else's somewhat flabby principles. Mind you, that doesn't mean that you shouldn't listen to other people's wishes.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
You should wait a little longer before signing on the dotted line, especially if money is an issue. Besides, promises made now may have to be amended before long. Something that appears to guarantee your security may in fact have slight disadvantages, so don't take anything at face value.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
Your bargaining power couldn't be stronger but, as luck would have it, the opposition is almost insuperable. You had better be as businesslike as possible and accept that half a loaf is better than none. But, then, you are well-versed in the arts of compromise.

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23)
Although in reality you are extremely fortunate, you seem to forget your many blessings. I know you've been carrying the world on your shoulders, but a quiet word here or there could remove one particular burden at a stroke. Just remember that someone, somewhere, loves you.

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)
To be perfectly blunt, you were born under the sign of the worrier. Today the Moon occupies a part of your horoscope which encourages you to see the worst or look for problems. The result? You're likely to face up to fresh difficulties. The remedy? Lighten up a little!

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
You may consider it best to distance yourself from professional or worldly affairs for a while and devote all your time and energy to making a go of social contacts, or of interests which concern nobody but you. And when you're refreshed and revived then you'll be able to play your full part in solving other people's problems.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
You know better than anyone how difficult it is to distinguish fact from fantasy, yet you now have a chance to face up to the stark truth as never before. It's all a matter of realising that you may have been mistaken all along. Not only that - but a rival might have been right!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)
Restriction is always followed by expansion. This is a basic law of astrology. So if you feel a little hemmed in today, do your best to be responsible and wait another few days before you let rip. There's no hurry, so prepare your ground with care.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)
Difficult patterns involving planets like Venus, Jupiter and Mars may be seen as favourable rather then problematic. You may therefore be able to turn the tables on other people, and transform a block on your progress into a guarantee of your material security.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
Now that the Sun is your servant rather then your master, you may feel free to make your own future. In some senses your situation reminds me of the prisoner who, on being set free, asked 'what do I do now?' That's a question you'll answer as the coming days and weeks pass.

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar 20)
Very soon everything will come into the open - or almost everything. This doesn't mean that skeletons will be rattling indiscriminately in your emotional cupboards, but that you can choose when and where to make your feelings known. You might even be pleasantly surprised.

Solutions to Saturday's puzzle

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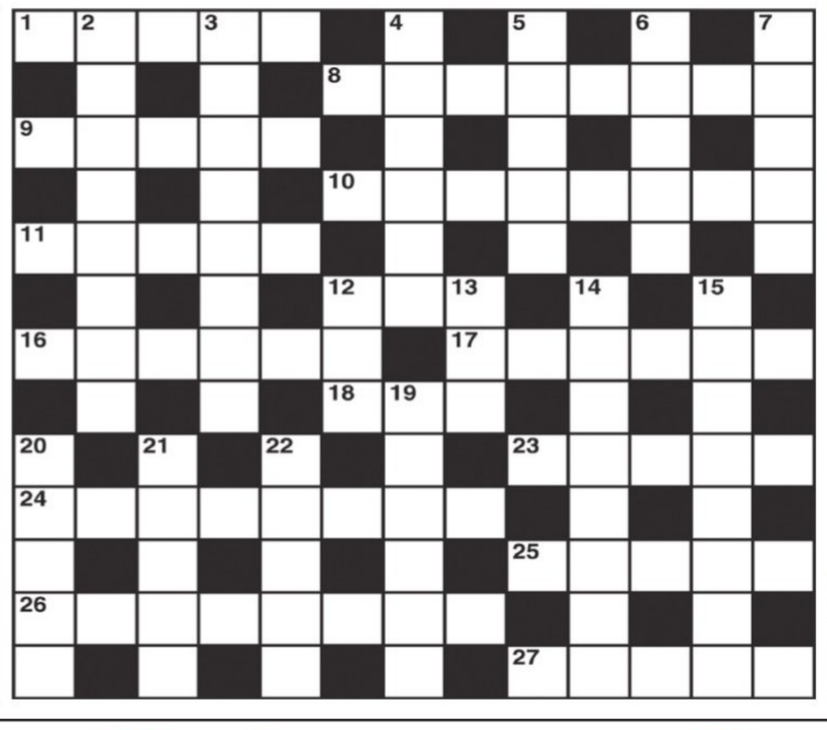

CROSS WORD

ACROSS
1 Singular example of how to make toast (5)
8 See great changes in overseas accommodation (8)
9 Concentrate on cutting the hedge (5)
10 Am upset and unhappy about the flag's position (8)
11 What a plaintive dog may do when I disturb it (5)
12 We start baiting a trap (3)
16 One insect let out another (6)
17 Stays with a sailor on a date in Rome (6)
18 Time for world revolution (3)
23 About suitable for dockyard job (5)
24 Fir cones come from them (8)
25 Relieve everyone with affirmative answer (5)
26 Goes and returns (8)
27 He's riled perhaps but he does nothing (5)

DOWN
2 The hinge placed in a way to lift (8)
3 Time in its entirety? (8)
4 A kid feeling relaxed (2,4)
5 Put forward an hour in Australia (5)
6 Thrashed for having spiked the drink (5)
7 Prompt about going on day shift (5)
12 Made one in a short day (3)
13 Sound like a hound or a horse (3)
14 Defamed beauty breaks cover (8)
15 He may not like women. Bet Alice can change him! (8)
19 Grind a new bread (6)
20 Room with a view? (5)
21 Highly likely to win? (2,3)
22 Going with some hesitation to tender (5)

SATURDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Outpatient, 6 Opus, 10 Award, 11 Ad nauseam, 12 Memorial, 13 Total, 15 Aviates, 17 Steamed, 19 Handles, 21 Intense, 22 In fer, 24 Isolated, 27 Dead tired, 28 Stone, 29 Wash, 30 Spirit lamp.

Down: 1 Oral, 2 Tragedian, 3 Audio, 4 Italics, 5 Nonplus, 7 Pleat, 8 Simple diet, 9 Quotient, 14 Sash window, 16 Tolerate, 18 Minnesota, 20 Stirrup, 21 In order, 23 Flaws, 25 Asset, 26 Weep.

JUMBLE

BY DAVID L. HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

UNSCRAMBLE THESE JUMBLES, ONE LETTER TO EACH SQUARE, TO FORM FOUR ORDINARY WORDS.

NUWDO

GLIOC

NMERNA

MOLOYG

Nice job! You know them all! I guess the cotton candy helped.
I like cumulus the best.
I can't wait to get an "A" on this test tomorrow!
SHE KNEW THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN STRATUS, CIRRUS AND CUMULUS AND WAS ---
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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

Saturday's Jumbles: CLOCK BROOD GERBIL FIZZLE
Answer: He lost all his money playing poker after deciding to — GO FOR BROKE

A few hours before City Police Commissioner Seemant Kumar Singh began his rounds as part of a special drive to monitor anti-social elements in the city on Saturday, a gang of five allegedly attacked a man with a lethal weapon over a trivial dispute in Malleswaram police station limits. The police have arrested five accused, identified as Afzal Khan (36), Syed Wasim (26), Junaid (22), Syed Hafiz (24), and Salim Pasha (37)

PURR-ADE

A pet parent grooms her cats at the cat championship show organised by the Feline Club of India at Jayamahal in Bengaluru on Sunday | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

Fake reward links trap bank customers

RAKSHITH GOWDA @Bengaluru

WITH the onset of the festival season, cyber fraudsters are targeting bank customers by luring them with fake reward point redemption and cashback offers through fraudulent websites or links impersonating reputed banks to claim the points.

A senior police officer explained to *TNIE cy*bercriminals operate in two ways- through phone calls and by sending malicious APK files disguised as official banking applications or websites via SMS or WhatsApp.

The fraudsters promise customers that they can redeem unused card reward points or claim festive cashback. To make the scam appear genuine, they use the names of leading public sector and private banks and other leading financial institutions. Once downloaded, the malicious files allow fraudsters to remotely access the victim's device, steal banking credentials, and

FESTIVE SEASON

siphon money from their accounts. Fraudsters also call citizens, posing as bank officials, and obtain details of credit cards and OTPs under the pretext of granting reward points, the officer said.

The officer added, "People are likely to spend and respond to attractive offers more. They create a sense of urgency and trick customers into sharing personal banking details. In some cases, victims have lost several lakhs after installing the fake apps or clicking on malicious links."

The officer urged the public to check official bank websites for reward point balances or redemption and to contact official bank helpline numbers. He also advised not to share OTPs, ATM PINs, CVV numbers, or other bank details and to report any online fraud by contacting the cyber helpline number 1930.

B'gavi engg's fake IT raid nets crores in Sangli

Belagavi: A civil engineer from Belagavi district staged a fake income tax raid and looted crores of rupees from the residence of Dr Jagannath Mhetre in Kavathemahankal, Maharashtra, on September 14. The accused, Akshay Suresh Lohar (32), a resident of Bugtealur in Hukkeri, allegedly impersonated an income tax officer to carry out the heist. Adding a twist, Akshay's father Suresh Namdev Lohar had filed a missing person complaint at Sankeshwar police station Akshay surrendered before Sangli police and confessed to his role in the fake raid. **ENS**

Heads of interreligious couple shaved in public

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AN interreligious couple was attacked and their heads were shaved in half by the woman's relatives in public at Indiranagar Layout in Kanakapura taluk, Bengaluru South district, on Saturday. Of the seven accused, five people arrested, including a woman.

The accused are Sheikh Kabeer, Suhail Shariff, Syed Nayaz, Nawaz Khan, and Sajida Begum. The victim, Asin, who had been separated from her husband for the past six months, was in love with Mahesh, a fisherman. Asin's relatives caught the couple at Mahesh's friend's residence around 5.30 pm. They allegedly dragged the couple out of the house, assaulted them with slippers, and shaved half their heads. The police rescued the couple and took them to the police station. Based on their complaint, a case was registered and five were arrested.

CRIME PATROL

2 ARRESTED INCLUDING CONSTABLE FOR SNATCHING GOLD CHAIN

Bengaluru: The Avalahalli police arrested two men, including a head constable attached to the Devara Jeevanahalli (DJ Halli) police station, for allegedly assisting the robber in stealing a gold chain from a woman. The accused, Jagadish, an autorickshaw driver, and Satyan (44), the head constable, are friends. Jagadish and the victim, Shilpa -- a resident of Baiyappanahalli, were allegedly in a relationship and fought frequently. On Friday, Satyan and another person, Kishore, were present when Jagadish was stealing the gold chain, weighing 27 gm. Satyan allegedly pledged the stolen chain at a jewellery shop and collected money. The victim later filed a police complaint, naming all the three and a robbery case was registered. Kishore is still missing. A senior official said a report will be sent to the deputy commissioner of police (East) to initiate disciplinary action against the head constable. **ENS**

26-YEAR-OLD MURDERS FATHER OVER PROPERTY DISPUTE

Bengaluru: The Bagalagunte police are hunting for a 26-year-old man, who allegedly murdered his father over a property dispute. He strangled his father with the help of a friend and tried to make it look like a natural death. The deceased, K Manjunatha (55), was a resident of Dasarahalli. His son, Manoj (26), is a class 10 dropout and unemployed. The police have arrested Manoj's friend, Praveen Reddy (30), for assisting him in the crime. On September 3, Manjunatha's wife Rudramma and their younger son had gone for a medical check-up. At that time, Manoj and Praveen strangled Manjunatha. Suspicious of her husband's death, Rudramma filed a complaint. After the postmortem report confirmed that Manjunatha died due to asphyxiation, a case was registered. The police analysed the CCTV footage that had captured the movements of Manoj and Praveen. Praveen revealed that Manoj had planned the murder and had promised to pay Rs 10 lakh for assisting him in the crime. **ENS**

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karnataka information

Mysuru-Kodagu MP Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar has urged the State Government to reconsider its decision to conduct the caste census, questioning both its timing and intent. He pointed out that the state's move comes despite the Centre already announcing its own survey. "What is the urgency to proceed when a central survey is already in place? Why conduct it hastily during Dasara?" he asked

Like the poor are going to be with us always, potholes will always riddle roads in Karnataka, and, especially, Bengaluru, or, at least, in near future. Fixing potholes needs more than bitumen— it needs political will on part of administration to devote all its energy to fix corrupt system that thrives on band-aid solutions that benefit middlemen, contractors. Till then, hold on to your dear life, and crawl

KARNATAKA IN THE AGE OF ROAD RAGE

BIG PICTURE

BAD roads are no longer news in Karnataka. It is a state of living. People may lose their lives due to accidents, industries may pull out of the state, and the economy may bleed due to lost man-hours, but there is no wake-up call for administration.

Money, a lot of it, is spent on repairing and re-repairing roads. It is a work in progress, perpetually, be it Bengaluru or Belagavi.

In rural Karnataka, bad roads delay access to markets, hospitals and schools. Farmers struggle to transport perishable produce, resulting in economic losses. In urban pockets, traffic snarls worsen as vehicles crawl through damaged stretches, wasting fuel and time.

Civic groups and residents have held protests highlighting the risk to life and livelihood. A rising number of accidents are directly linked to potholes and poor maintenance of roads. Meanwhile, contractors, engineers and government authorities engage in blame games, citing heavy rainfall, overloaded vehicles and inadequate funds responsible for the miserable state of roads in various parts of the state.

Experts and social activists say the issue is not about lack of funds but accountability. Roads are often laid without proper drainage systems or quality checks, leading to quick deterioration. Here *The New Indian Express* goes on a road trip across the state to present the (w)hole picture.

PIC: SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

It's not the Moon! A large crater-size pothole in Bengaluru's Magadi Road

HASSAN

Except national highways and state highways, most other roads are in a bad shape in Hassan district. Potholes have not been filled on roads that connect taluk centres from hobli headquarters citing lack of funds. Roads connecting Belur-Arehalli, Sakleshpur-Hanbal, Arkalgud-Belawadi and Arasikere-Kanakatte are in bad shape.

MYSURU

It is Dasara time and civic agencies have accelerated road repair and resurfacing works across the city. Several stretches, including Sayyaji Rao Road, KR Circle, Palace Road and routes leading to Chamundi Hill, are being re-laid to ensure smooth traffic flow during the festivities. Motorists had earlier complained about pothole-ridden stretches that caused delays and safety hazards, particularly during monsoon.

The Mysuru City Corporation has set aside Rs 9.48 crore for civil works to beautify the city, with nearly Rs 6 crore for road repairs, including filling potholes and repairing kerbstones. Works are being carried out, while last-minute repairs have drawn criticism for being superficial.

GADAG

Several roads in Gadag town's extension areas are wet and muddy, leaving two-wheel riders and pedestrians jittery. Rural roads in Gadag taluk are in a pitiable condition due to rain in recent days. Main roads from Ron to Hullur and Arahunasi are in bad condition. Similar is the condition of roads from Lakshmeshwar to Gojanur, Mundargi rural areas and in Shirahatti taluk.

KALABURAGI

The condition of roads in Kalaburagi district including in Kalaburagi city is bad. The road in front of the Central Bus Stand being the worst example. Similar is the state of the road between SVP Circle and Sharanabasaveshwar temple. The condition of roads in Chittapur, Shahabad and Chincholi towns and taluks is also not good.

BELAGAVI

Roads in Belagavi continue to test public patience with stretches like Khanapur–Jamboti, Kankumbi–Chorla and several city roads falling apart and demanding urgent intervention of the administration. The biggest shock comes from the Kankumbi-Chorla highway, developed barely three months ago, but already reduced to one of the worst roads in the district. Cracks, potholes and uneven surfaces have triggered daily accidents, vehicle breakdowns and traffic snarls, drawing sharp criticism from locals who squarely blame contractors and negligent officials.

DAVANAGERE

Roads in Davanagere need to be relaid urgently. Hadadi road, Bamboo Bazar road, Belludi Galli, Chamrajpet and the roads in both new and old city are in a pitiable state. Lack of interest by both bureaucrats and elected representatives to blacktop or patch up the bad roads is the reason for the miserable state of roads, says Anand Jain, a trader.

Potholes with rainwater have made life miserable for motorists in Vijayapura

VIJAYAPURA

Incessant rain for the last two months has damaged roads in Vijayapura city. Except for main roads that connect highways and concrete roads, all other stretches are riddled with potholes. Arati Shahapur, a corporator, says several potholes were filled recently, but the rain has pushed the roads back to the same shoddy status. JJ Bangi, another corporator, says that during monsoon, it is not possible to lay tar or concrete roads. Things may improve in October or November when the rain relents, he says.

DAKSHINA KANNADA

Despite receiving over 4,000 mm of rainfall annually — more than three times that of Bengaluru — the quality of roads in the coastal district of Dakshina Kannada remains no better than those in far drier regions like Chitradurga, which gets just 540 mm of rainfall, the lowest in Karnataka. This highlights a serious flaw in how road infrastructure is planned and executed across varying climatic zones in the state.

Roads in the coastal belt are battered not just by the intense monsoon -- lasting nearly six months -- but also by heavy vehicular traffic, particularly bullet tankers and massive container trucks transporting goods to and from the region's key seaports.

Despite these conditions, road construction follows a uniform Schedule of Rates (SR) across the state, without accounting for region-specific weather and usage patterns. Assembly Speaker UT Khader objects to the practice of the same SR rate for roads in different climatic conditions. He urged the authorities to rationalise the SR to ensure more durable road infrastructure in high-stress zones like the coast.

National Highways NH-75 (Mangaluru–Bengaluru) and NH-66 (Kochi–Panvel), both crucial lifelines for the region, are in a deplorable state. A recent fatal accident caused by a pothole on NH-66 in Mangaluru triggered public outrage. Though the NHAI rushed to fill the potholes temporarily, the patchwork repairs barely addressed the underlying problem.

KOLAR, CHIKKABALLAPUR

In Kolar and Chikkaballapur, roads are in a bad shape. In several parts of the region, the state of state highways connecting important places has turned from bad to worse. Several people who regularly travel between Mulbagal and KGF are facing a tough time using the road to ride their bikes and drive four-wheelers. The state highway between KGF to Mulbagal, the road between Kolar and Business City Chinthamani need immediate attention.

(Inputs from Firoz Rozindar, BR Udaya Kumar, KK Karthik, Raghottam Koppar, Ramakrishna Badaseshi, Prakash Samaga, Prajna BR, Tushar A Majukar, Subash Chandra, Vincent D'Souza, V Velayudham)

Motorists struggle to ride on the pothole-filled Perampalli-Manipal Road in Udupi district

UDUPI

A 350-metre stretch between Perampalli and Manipal has become a nightmare for motorists, with crater-sized potholes forcing vehicles to move at a snail's pace. Though the 5 km Ambagilu–Manipal road was widened a few years ago, this stretch remains untouched owing to pending land acquisition, much to the ire of commuters. The condition has deteriorated in recent months, as heavy showers have stripped away the remaining asphalt. Manjunath, Assistant Executive Engineer, Public Works Department, Udupi, said the delay in widening and repairing is due to pending land acquisition.

The road connecting Kushalnagar to Madikeri near Sampige Katte, Kodagu, is getting worse by the day

KODAGU

Roads across rural and urban areas, including the state and national highways, are in pitiable condition across Kodagu district. Madikeri-Virajpet road is in its worst state and has not seen any relief work for over two years now. Further, potholes are lined across National Highway 275 from Sampaje to Kushalnagar and patchwork has been done as a temporary measure. All rural roads including Chettalli-Madikeri, Siddapura-Madikeri, Ammathi-Siddapura and Murnad-Madikeri are in a pitiable condition and incessant rainfall during the past four months has made commuting risky on these curved roads, especially during night. Meanwhile, the Madikeri City Municipal Council is carrying out repairs across the worst stretches before Dasara.

Potholes are not leaving B'luru anytime soon

MOHAMMED YACOOB

THE state capital has 470 major roads, covering 1,344.7 km with nearly 50% having potholes, while the traffic department has identified 4,830 potholes on such roads. A logistics firm is considering the prospect of relocating from Bengaluru, citing traffic and long commute times. The city's chronic road and traffic issues remain at the front and centre.

Residents wonder if roads will ever be pothole-free, traffic problems will ever be fixed, and regular flooding will ever end. Back-to-back incidents related to potoholes in a week has highlighted the terrible road infrastructure in Mahadevpura, the IT belt. Last week, a school van carrying 20 children hit a road-side ditch and tilted dangerously in Panathur. Even as the city administration rushed to fix the blot, a logistics firm announced that it is moving out of Bengaluru that hit national headlines, giving a body blow to Bengaluru's image as IT capital again.

Industry stalwarts like Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw and Mohandas Pai cautioned the government, asking it to fix the crumbling infrastructure. Shaw said the government should address the issue on an emergency basis, while the opposition BJP launched a scathing attack on the government over badly managed city infrastructure. In 'an attempt to fish in troubled waters', Andhra Pradesh Minister Nara Lokesh invited the company to Vizag, putting the government and Greater Bengaluru Administration under a tight spot.

Over 1,500 parents from schools across Bellandur, Sarjapura, Whitefield, Panathur, Varthur, Thubarahalli, Balagere and surrounding areas petitioned the city traffic head about 25,000 schoolchildren getting stuck in traffic for two hours every day due to traffic and potholes, and sought his intervention to help them.

After an inspection, the Bengaluru Traffic Police recently wrote to the additional chief secretary, Urban Development Department, stating that the city's arterial roads have 4,830 potholes, leading to traffic chaos.

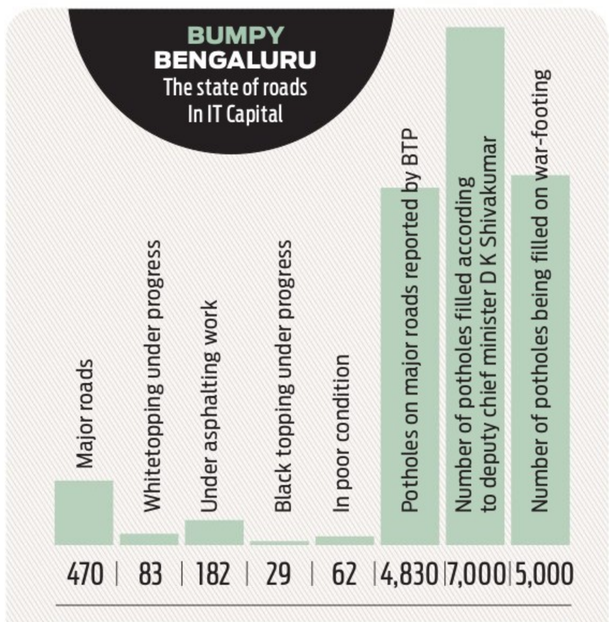
Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar, who is also Bengaluru Development Minister, announced Rs 1,100 crore for road works, asking city MLAs to focus on potholes and bad stretches in their assembly constituencies. He claimed that 7,000 potholes were fixed and another 5,000 are being filled on a war-footing. He set November as the deadline for contractors and engineers to fix all potholes.

Ashish Verma, a mobility expert from the Indian Institute of Science, said the pothole-filling constitutes a 'circular economy'. Funds allocated will only benefit contractors and engineers. "There is an economic cost associated with bad roads. Pedestrians and two-wheeler riders get injured and lose their lives in some cases while trying to avoid potholes. Hospitalisation and insurance compensation is an economic burden on the public as well as the government," he explained.

He said that apart from time lost during travel and loss of productivity, bad roads also worsen air pollution due to dust rising from potholes and vehicular pollution.

D Prasad, member, Indian Road Congress, said the corporation should use good quality bitumen while fixing potholes. "Before laying bitumen, base correction is a must. It means weak points have to be identified, which, if ignored, will end up in potholes. The corporation will have to use Polymer Modified Bitumen for durability of roads," he says.

"The drainage system has to be fixed and water should flow from roads to drains. Work should be avoided during the rains. The Greater Bengaluru Authority should come out with a strict defective liability period clause against executive engineers working on the road project," he adds.



Mysuru all decked up for Dasara

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THE cultural city of Mysuru is all decked up for the inauguration of the world-famous Dasara celebrations. The 11-day festivities will be formally inaugurated by International Booker Prize winner **Banu Mushtaq** during the auspicious Vrushchika Lagna between 10.10 am and 10.40 am on Monday (September 22) by showering flowers on the idol of Goddess Chamundeshwari, the presiding deity of the festivities, placed in a silver chariot atop the Chamundi Hills.

Celebrated as 'Nada Habba' (state festival), the Mysuru Dasara has a rich history dating back to 1610. This year's Dasara celebration will be for 11 days, till Vijayadashami on October 2, based on the lunar calendar.

The State Government has decided to celebrate this year's Dasara festivities in a grand manner after bountiful rains filled the reservoirs across the state.

However, a controversy broke out over the State Government's decision to invite Banu Mushtaq to inaugurate the festivities. After the Supreme Court declined to interfere in the State Government's decision to invite the author, the stage is all set for the inauguration of the festivities. The government will welcome the author with a poornakhumba reception.

Banu Mushtaq will be accompanied by Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, Deputy CM DK Shivakumar, Mysuru district minister HC Mahadevappa and others during the inauguration.

Meanwhile, hectic preparations were on in Mysuru Palace for the private durbar. Member of the erstwhile Mysuru royal family Pramoda Devi Wadiyar was personally monitoring the preparations, including finalising the traditional costumes and jewels to be used in the nine-day durbar. Yaduveer Krishnadatta Narasimharaja Wadiyar, who is also MP for Mysuru-Kodagu, will perform the rituals. The Golden throne has been assembled at the durbar hall.

Stage being set up on the premises of the Mysuru Palace on the eve of Dasara inauguration on Sunday | UDAYASHANKAR S

A six-year-old girl, daughter of a couple from Bihar, was allegedly sexually assaulted by their 19-year-old neighbour in Kochi. Suspicion arose when the child began showing fear and hiding at his sight. On being questioned, she disclosed the assault to her mother, the police said

Trust expels Kudalasangama Mutt seer Mruthyunjaya Swamiji

FIROZ ROZINDAR @ Bagalkot

IN a major development, the All-India Lingayat Panchamasali Samaj Trust has expelled **Basavajaya Mruthyunjaya Swamiji** of Kudalasangama Mutt from the Panchamasali Peeth.

The decision was announced to the media on Sunday by trust's general secretary Neelkanth Asuti following an executive meeting of community leaders. The trust cited illegal acquisition of property, lack of monastic discipline, and making statements against the community. Trust leaders said that despite repeated complaints and a notice served in 2014, the seer failed to correct his actions. They accused him of violating the trust's bylaws, attempting to divide the community, and acting against the principles of Basavanna ideology.

"As per the unanimous resolution of 30 members of the trust, Swamiji has been removed. He was given all facilities, including a car, but misused his position and acted against the values of Basavanna," the leaders said. The trust stated that "Lingayat religion, founded by Basavanna, is distinct from Hinduism". It expressed concern that the seer had used the word "Hindu" under political pressure.

Following his expulsion, the trust resolved to start a Prasad Nilaya and clarified that there will no longer be any connection between the mutt and the seer, he said. The meeting was also attended by MLA and chairman of Veerashaiva Lingayat Development Corporation Vijayanand Kashappanavar and other around 30 functionaries of the Trust.

It may be noted that the tussle between the seer and trust was going on for a long time. In the past also, Kashappanavar had warned of expelling the seer. The warning did not go well with the ardent supporters of the seer who, too, challenged the trust to take action to expel him. Amid this, efforts were also made by some prominent leaders of the Panchamsali community to reconcile and end the tussle. After that, both factions had remained quiet for some time but now the sudden expulsion of the seer is expected to create more friction between both parties.

Kodavas must identify selves as Hindu in survey: Leaders

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KODAVA leaders urged their community members to select Hindu as their religion during the Soci0, Economic and Educational Survey. Though there is a debate about Kodavas being a separate religion, a few leaders have urged the community to mention it as Hindu.

A Manu Muthappa, former president of Napoklu Kodava Samaja, addressing the media in Madikeri expressed regret that some people are urging the community not to mention their religion as Hindu. "Kodavas have always been a part of Hinduism. Hindu practices within Kodava traditions, such as the presence of Naga and Aiyappa deities in Kodava homes and villages, and the celebration of festivals like Tula Sankramana and Puthari align with Hindu customs," he said.

KS Devaiah, former president of Kodagu VHP unit, said Kodavas have been participating in Hindu temple festivals and rituals. District BJP president Napanda Ravi Kalappa criticised attempts to classify Kodava as a separate religion, arguing that such moves could lead to division within the community. Community leaders, including M Ravindra and MB Devaiah, explained the historical and cultural ties between Kodavas and Hinduism, emphasising the worship of Hindu deities like Lord Iguthappa and Aiyappa.

TOY STORY

People arrange golu dolls ahead of Dasara in Kozhikode, Kerala on Sunday | EGOKUL

Not caste census, push for social justice: DKS

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DEPUTY Chief Minister DK Shivakumar has said that the social-educational survey is "not a caste census", but a tool to ensure social justice for all communities.

Addressing media at Karnataka Bhavan in New Delhi, he urged people across all castes and communities to participate in the survey without fear, clarifying that the initiative is inclusive, transparent, and future-focused. "Let there be no doubt — this is a social and educational survey. It aims to empower every community, not divide them," he said. Shivakumar emphasised the digital accessibility of the survey, allowing all 7 crore Kannadigas, even those living overseas, to submit entries online, and raise objections via mobile if needed. "Your data, your voice. Corrections can be made – transparency is built in," he said.

Responding to BJP MLA Dr CN Ashwath Narayan's accusation that the survey is meant to "break Hindu society", Shivakumar hit back, "He only needs politics — we don't. We are focused on livelihoods, not vote banks like BJP." He also dismissed R Ashoka's claims linking the inclusion of Christian-caste entries to appeasing Sonia Gandhi, calling it a "Delhi-scripted drama" by the BJP.

On HD Kumaraswamy's dissent regarding Vokkaliga representation, Shivakumar said, "Don't just think of one group. We must take all communities along. I've made this clear to Vokkaliga leaders too," he said.

With some questioning the 15-day timeline and use of teachers during Dasara holidays, Shivakumar said the Backward Classes Commission decides such logistics. "No teachers have objected. This may be the media's opinion," he said. He said his Delhi visit was tied to preparations for the upcoming Mekedatu project hearing. "We are here to consult legal experts and the Advocate General. Representing Karnataka strongly is our priority," he said. On the new GST slabs, he reminded the Centre of its duty to reimburse state losses, especially with Karnataka's infrastructure projects crossing Rs1.5 lakh crore."The Centre must ensure justice. We have planned based on expected devolution – they must honour it," he said.

An attempt to divide Hinduism: Ashoka

Bengaluru: Leader of Opposition in the Assembly **R Ashoka**, criticising the planned caste census, said that under Chief Minister Siddaramaiah's leadership, Karnataka has turned into a laboratory. In this experiment, work is being done to diminish Hinduism, Ashoka said. Calling the survey "anti-people," Ashoka said that it is an attempt to divide Hinduism. He said people from all castes have opposed religious conversion. "Communities like Kuruba, Brahmin, and Vishwakarma have been prefixed with the word 'Christian.' Congress leader Sonia Gandhi is a Christian, and this is being done to please her. If it is a socio-educational survey, why mention caste names in it? Under the guidance of Rahul Gandhi and Sonia Gandhi, they are dividing Hindus," Ashoka said, adding that ministers who are opposing the caste census should resign from the cabinet. "If they remain silent, the caste communities will not forgive the ministers. Preventing conversion is the government's job. But here, the CM himself is sponsoring this work. To save his chair, Siddaramaiah is adding everyone to Sonia Gandhi's community," Ashoka said. Further, Ashoka said the Union Government has announced a national census with a caste census, which is legal and official. "The surveys conducted by the government are not official. If people can write whatever they want, why have a government? This is an insult to the Constitution," he said.

Aavin refuses to pass on GST cut benefit to consumers

B ANBUSELVAN @ Chennai

EVEN as leading public sector dairy cooperatives Amul and Karnataka Milk Federation's Nandini have announced price cuts following the GST reduction on dairy products from 12% to 5%, Aavin — the country's third-largest public sector dairy federation — will not be passing on the benefit to consumers. According to official sources, Aavin's milk products will continue to be sold at existing prices from Monday.

This means that, during the upcoming festive season, consumers in Tamil Nadu will not enjoy the price relief that buyers in Karnataka and other parts of the country will receive. The prices of ghee, butter, lassi and other products are calculated after adding GST. "With GST reduced, Aavin has had to adjust the base price upward to keep the maximum retail price unchanged. Effectively, this amounts to an increase in Aavin product prices from Monday," said the proprietor of a franchise retail outlet.

Amul, Nandini and a few private brands have reduced the prices of ghee, paneer, butter, ice cream, milk chocolates and other products by Rs 25 to Rs 40, owing to the GST cut. However, officials from the TN Cooperative Milk Producers Federation (TNCMPF), which owns the Aavin brand, said any price change requires state government approval, which is still pending. Since Aavin calculates final prices inclusive of GST, a formal directive from the state is necessary before revising rates, said officials.

When *TNIE* visited the Aavin outlets in Ambattur, Anna Nagar, Adyar, Korattur and Thiruvanmiyur, the staff said no instructions had been issued to lower product prices. "So far, we haven't received any order to reduce prices of ghee or butter," said an employee at the Ambattur outlet.

Aavin procures about 35 lakh litres of milk daily, of which 8-9 lakh litres are converted into value-added products. A section of Aavin customers demanded that the 7% GST reduction be reflected in consumer prices. S Rajesh, a resident of Ambattur, said, "When private brands cut ghee and butter prices by Rs 20-Rs 30 per kg, it's unfair for Aavin to continue selling at higher prices. With demand rising during festivals, Aavin should reduce prices too."

16-day survey to cover 7 cr population

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THE survey, spanning 16 days, ending on October 7, will cover over 7 crore population of the state. After analysing data, the commission with the help of experts including former chairpersons is likely to submit the report to the government for further action by December 2025. The government could tweak the categories and redistribute quota based on the report. Talking to the media, Commission Chairman Madhusudan R Naik and member-secretary KA Dayananda clarified that the list of castes is only for the reference of enumerators and consumption of the commission. It is not a public document and does not have legal validity, they added.

"The inclusion of new castes did not happen after I became the chairperson. It existed in the Kantharaju commission report in 2015. As people's representatives and others raised their concerns over the new castes and the issue turned contentious, the commission decided to remove 33 castes from the dropdown of categories," Naik informed. Dayananda said that during the Kantharaju commission survey, over 4 lakh people, including 5,000 Brahmins and 2,000 Vokkaligas had registered themselves with the Christian religion identity. The present commission issued the notification on August 19, 2025 and several castes applied to be included in the list, he said. After examination, the commission found 148 castes eligible and published the list on August 25, he added.

"There is a mandate that the survey on the socio, economic, educational and political status of the communities should be carried out every ten years to break the status quo and ensure social justice to deprived communities. Following the Kantharaju commission report and recommendations by the K Jayaprakash Hegde-led commission, the government had reclassified the backward classes quota. The government announced the survey only because the Kantharaju commission report was ten years old," Naik elaborated. He said Navratri festivities would affect the drive, saying there are many options, including online, to register. "The Dasara vacation is being used as teachers' services could be utilised. As deprived classes anticipate reclassification of quota and distribution of benefits, the commission does not want to postpone the survey further," he claimed.

Survey delayed in GBA region

Because of the GBA with new corporations, the launch of the survey will be delayed by 2-3 days in Bengaluru, and the survey deadline is likely to be extended beyond October 7, KA Dayananda said. In GBA, people can book a slot to register in their own time.

SURVEY HIGHLIGHTS

- Survey to cover around 7 crore population
- Around 2 lakh enumerators engaged
- Around 2 crore houses listed, mapped and locations geotagged
- 1.61 l blocks formed with each consisting of 140-150 houses
- Training given to gather data through a mobile application with special software
- Each enumerator estimated to cover 7-8 houses a day, which will result in the survey covering 2 crhouseholds in 16 days
- Aadhaar of individuals above 6 years is mandatory for the authentication and to avoid duplication
- **Face recognition for KYC**: For more details one can dial the helpline: 8050770004 or login to the commission's web portal

Centre not imposing any language on any state, says Pradhan

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Chennai

UNION Education Minister **Dharmendra Pradhan** on Sunday reiterated that the centre will not impose any language on states, but insisted that Tamil Nadu must to sign the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) under the Samagra Shiksha scheme to access central education funds.

Speaking to reporters at the Indian Institute of Technology-Madras (IIT-M) after attending the Think India Dakshinapatha Summit 2025, Pradhan accused the DMK government of politicising the issue. "The states cannot place political priorities above students' welfare. You cannot put your political priority above the interests of Tamil Nadu students. This is not a good thing," he said.

Strongly advocating for National Education Policy, Pradhan said it ensures flexibility and respect for linguistic diversity. Students in classes 1 and 2 will study two languages - their mother tongue and one additional language. From classes 6 to 10, students will be required to learn three languages, including their mother tongue, he explained.

On the issue of funds, Pradhan said the MoU - which includes the implementation of the three-language formula under NEP - is yet to be accepted by Tamil Nadu. "I am ready to provide all kinds of cooperation, but there has to be mutual respect," he said, adding that even within the state, more than two languages are taught in some schools.

The minister also clarified that Tamil Nadu is receiving funds under other schemes. "Funds have been released for programmes like Poshan and literacy schemes. This year too, Tamil Nadu has received its due share," he said. On the delay in releasing funds under the Right to Education Act, Pradhan cited court observations but assured continued cooperation, referring to his meetings with state Education Minister Anbil Mahesh Poyyamozhi and MP Kanimozhi.

SLIPPERS ON DIETY

Woman held for desecrating Lord Ganesha idol in Belur

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THE Belur police have arrested a woman accused of insulting the Ganesha deity at a temple in Belur town Sunday morning.

The woman, identified as Neelamma from Guddenahalli village near Hassan, is believed to be mentally challenged, according to police. She was apprehended on the outskirts of Belur on Sunday.

The police examined the footage from a nearby CCTV camera, which showed the woman, her face covered with a cloth and carrying a bag, entering the Ganesha temple in Belur. She returned within a minute. The police suspect that she may have placed slippers on the deity. The incident quickly gained attention, sparking outrage in Belur and surrounding areas.

Hundreds of people, led by various Hindu organisations, gathered outside the temple demanding an investigation and action against the accused.

Meanwhile, BJP state president B Y Vijayendra condemned the incident in a post on X, stating that attacks and desecrations of Hindu deities have been on the rise since the Congress government came to power in the state.

He alleged that only Hindu temples have been targeted under the current regime. Vijayendra urged the police to take strict action against the accused and warned that the government would be held responsible for any future incidents if they fail to prevent such acts.

Taking the matter seriously, Belur BJP MLA H K Suresh held a meeting with SP Mohamed Sujeeta. Suresh threatened to call for a Belur Bandh on Monday if the police failed to make swift arrests. He appealed to the public to support the bandh by closing commercial establishments.

EXPRESS READ

Legal aid important to maintain self respect: CS

Bengaluru: "When women are empowered, the entire nation becomes stronger," said Karnataka High Court judge and Executive Chairperson of the State Legal Services Authority, Justice Anu Sivaraman. She was speaking at the "Legal Awareness on Women's Empowerment" programme, and exhibition of welfare schemes for women, jointly organised by the State Legal Services Authority, Bengaluru Urban District Administration, and the Department of Women and Child Development. Chief Secretary Shalini Rajneesh highlighted the importance of legal aid for victims to maintain self-respect. No women should face domestic violence, she said, The Gruhalakshmi Scheme was highlighted as a way for women to become the heads of their households. NABARD initiatives and support through women's self-help groups also showcased to help women entrepreneurs strengthen economic position.

Musi river rejuvenation project gets nod for Rs 4K cr ADB loan

Hyderabad: In a boost for the state's proposal to rejuvenate and develop the Musi river, the Union government has approved a loan from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) for the Musi Riverfront Development Project. As per the agreement with the state government, ADB will disburse Rs 4,100 crore in the first phase. Top sources said a consortium comprising Meinhardt, Cushman & Wakefield, RIOS, ZHA and SOM will submit Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) and detailed plans within two weeks. The approval followed Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy's talks with ADB representatives in New Delhi. As part of the project, the government has proposed to construct the Gateway of Hyderabad at Kothwalguda and Gandhi Sarovar at Bapu Ghat.

Woman throws 2-month-old daughter into canal in Ballari

Ballari: In a shocking incident reported from Toranagallu town in Ballari district, Karnataka, a woman allegedly threw her two-month old infant daughter into a canal and later falsely claimed that the child had been abducted. Police sources said the woman was frustrated after giving birth to a third girl child. According to the police, the accused Priyanka (32), a native of Bihar, currently resides in Toranagallu. She took her infant daughter Anshika in the early hours and threw her into the HLC canal on Saturday. After returning home, she informed her husband that the baby had been kidnapped, and even called the emergency helpline 112 to report a false abduction case.

One killed, 11 injured in firecracker godown blast

Berhampur: One person was killed and 11 others sustained serious injuries in a massive explosion at a firecracker godown in Jiakata within Purunakatak police limits in Boudh district, Odisha on Sunday. The deceased was identified as Laxmidhar Behera. The explosion was so severe that the firecracker godown and several houses in its 300 metre radius were reduced to rubble. At 11 am, a fire broke out in the godown leading to the explosion. Laxmidhar was killed on the spot. The 11 injured, including three minor boys and a woman, have been admitted to the hospital. Locals said the impact of was felt nearly a kilometre away, shattering glass panes of several shops.

EDITORIAL

Train people well enough so they can leave; treat them well enough so they don't want to — Richard Branson

INDIAN EXPRESS IS NOT AN INDUSTRY. IT IS A MISSION.

— Ramnath Goenka

PRIORITISE INNOVATION, BUILD INDIA'S FUTURE AS DEEP TECH DESTINATION

THE Trump administration's proposal to impose a $100,000 fee on H-1B visa holders, clarified later as a one-time charge, is not a minor policy tweak. It is a warning shot, exposing an uncomfortable truth. The United States no longer sees foreign talent as a strategic asset. Instead, it treats them as transactional, welcome only on its terms and when politically convenient. This move strikes at the heart of what has long powered America's tech dominance: its ability to attract the world's best minds. In 2024, Indians accounted for 71 percent of all H-1B visas. They aren't low-skilled workers; they are the engineers, researchers, and system architects behind cutting-edge platforms at Amazon, Google, Microsoft and Meta. This isn't just shortsighted. It's strategic self-harm. Yes, the H-1B system has been misused. Some companies gamed the process, underpaid workers, and exploited loopholes to the hilt. To punish the entire ecosystem, including top-tier talent that has driven US innovation for decades, is to undercut your own future in a world increasingly defined by technological supremacy.

For India, this signals more than a diplomatic issue. It demands clarity and resolve. If America chooses to tax skills and limit opportunities, India must stop waiting for acceptance and shift focus inward. That era is past. Now is the time to build at home. India cannot just be a talent exporter. It must become a destination for ideas, innovation, and investment. The message from Washington is clear: merit now has a price tag. India must respond even louder: opportunity has a new address.

This is not retaliation. It is reclamation. If Indian talent is pushed out, let's pull them in. Let's make India a hub where global minds build what's next. Nowhere is this urgency more pressing than in deep tech—AI, semiconductors, robotics, quantum and drone technology. These are not buzzwords; they are the foundations of global power in the 21st century. India has the raw material, talent, risk-hungry startups, and a policy intent. However, piecemeal progress won't get us there. The government's ₹10,000 crore deep tech fund is a start. What India needs is a ₹1 lakh crore deep tech mission over the next decade focused on R&D, IP, and commercialisation. The age of dependence must now give way to an era of leadership.

CRAFT MEETS GREATNESS: PHALKE FOR MOHANLAL

THE legend of Mohanlal has grown deservedly bigger. His being chosen for the Dadasaheb Phalke Award—India's highest recognition in cinema—is the crowning moment of a career filled with unforgettable portrayals, honours, and box office triumphs. For decades, Mohanlal has been more than a superstar. He has been an icon of excellence in the craft of acting, admired across regions and industries, often ranked among the finest actors in the world. It is not just the reign at the top, the endless line of hits, or the aura of stardom that make him a legend, but that rare ability to bring to life characters with nuance, subtlety, and an authenticity that makes them linger in memory. Announcing the award, the government of India put it simply: "Mohanlal's unmatched talent, versatility, and relentless hard work have set a golden standard in Indian film history." It is hard to argue with that.

Mohanlal started his film career 45 years back by playing a suave villain, and he soon became the bankable actor that filmmakers lined up for. From there, he shaped a career that touched every shade of human emotion and storytelling. His body of work—not just the number of movies, but also the range of characters—is a testament to his talent and versatility. His films did more than entertain—they lived on with people through the characters he played, making them feel real. He let his reserved off-screen persona take a backseat, preferring instead to interact with people through characters he effortlessly brought to life. Each one left behind not just a story, but another layer of the actor himself. For that reason alone, Mohanlal's Phalke is a moment to celebrate the filmmakers who worked with him in particular and the Malayalam film industry in general.

Mohanlal has won five national awards, including two Best Actor honours, nine Kerala State Film Awards, among numerous others. The fact is that, even after four decades in the field, Mohanlal continues to redefine excellence, with younger actors considering him a benchmark. And, for Malayalis, the honour is both personal and collective—recognition for an actor who has carried their culture and stories across the globe. Mohanlal is a star for many reasons, and the honour is truly well-deserved.

QUICK TAKE

TRIMMING KNOWLEDGE

ARE the humanities and social sciences being pushed towards a crossroads? In China, Fudan University's Professor Liu Jianjun recently provoked international debate by calling political science a "sin of knowledge", swollen with theory and short on use. His blunt criticism taps into a wider unease: professional and technical courses appear to carry more weight and prestige in the job market. Yet to write off the humanities is rash. Literature, philosophy, and history continue to shape judgement, values and imagination—capacities technical training or algorithms cannot replace. Curricula may need trimming, but not erasure. The real task is to rethink the humanities so they stand alongside science and technology, not behind them.

The administration has failed to ease the economic burden in a tangible way, and the public continues to reel under the skyrocketing cost of living. People pin hopes on a systemic overhaul

SRI LANKA: YEAR OF CHANGE, MANY HILLS TO CLIMB

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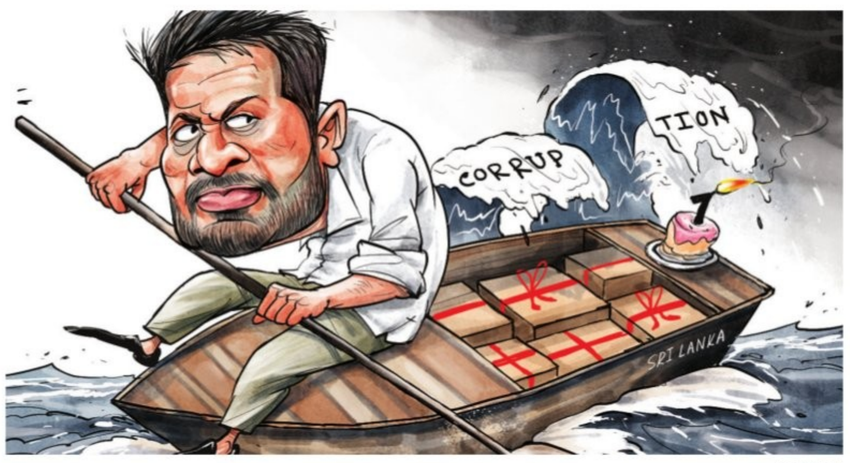

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EXACTLY a year ago, Sri Lankans wrote political history by decisively bringing traditional two-party politics to an end by elevating a party that was not expected to rule. Their radical choice: Anura Kumara Dissanayake, a neo-leftist and leader of the Janatha Vimukthi Peramuna (People's Liberation Front).

For the JVP, it had not been a cakewalk. For decades, it has struggled to overcome a debilitating three percent vote, which permanently confined them to the opposition ranks. Despite radical appeal, political power had continuously eluded them until Sri Lanka hit an economic nadir in 2022. A simmering governance crisis, combined with an economic crisis, provided a potent formula for seismic political change, and Dissanayake soon emerged as a beacon of hope for a nation tired of corrupt regimes and family rule.

Despite his popularity, Dissanayake's meteoric rise was the culmination of the 2022 'Aragalaya' protest movement, which forced the then President, Gotabaya Rajapaksa, to resign amid massive public protests. Opinion polls showed Dissanayake as the country's most trusted politician at the time, as public sentiment strongly opposed the traditional ruling class—amidst allegations of large-scale corruption, kleptocracy, nepotism, and a mismanaged financial crisis.

Despite the political upheaval, Sri Lankans also demonstrated political prudence and patience by holding elections and by ensuring a smooth transition of power. When selecting a successor, JVP's own violent history and the responsibility of two uprisings in the South did not deter voters from electing Dissanayake as their president.

A year on, public expectations remain high, and Dissanayake and his government's delivery remains a mixed bag. Among the key changes expected was to reset the economic policy. However, Sri Lanka has already signed up for the IMF's formula for debt restructuring to weather the economic storm. Ultimately, Dissanayake chose economic pragmatism, opting to honour the commitments made while managing domestic priorities—a difficult balancing act.

The government has begun to liquidate identified non-performing public institutions, and the spiralling cost of living is creating public irritation; however, there appears to be a dogged determination within the government to go through the painful process. This brings no praise for Dissanayake, who is criticised for following a Western economic formula, once the topic of acid criticism by the JVP. There is unhappiness about the government's failure to prosecute the country's corrupt elite, another lofty election promise.

The NPP, meanwhile, claims to have taken measures to contain the budget deficit and sustain economic growth, while also trying to attract foreign direct investment. Presenting his first budget in February 2025, President Dissanayake informed parliament that four major Port City projects, worth $1.4 billion, are underway. The government also initiated public sector salary reforms to be implemented in phases through 2027, aiming to increase salaries and reduce wage disparities.

Beyond its shores, Sri Lanka is also required to deal with the competing geostrategic interests of both China and India. A member of the Official Creditors' Committee, India's bilateral debt to Sri Lanka is approximately $1.74 billion, whereas debt owed to China is primarily for infrastructure projects, totalling $4.9 billion.

To win New Delhi's favour, Dissanayake had to put in some work. The JVP has a publicly declared anti-India stance and had played a pivotal role in driving the Indian Peace Keeping Force (IPKF) from Sri Lankan soil through violent protests in 1987-89. The new administration has been strategically moving forward to strengthen bilateral ties. Symbolic of this shift was the conferring of the highest civilian award, *Sri Lanka Mitra Vibhushana*, on visiting Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi this April.

The administration has failed to ease the economic burden in a tangible way, and the public continues to reel under the skyrocketing cost of living. Recently, the government has scrapped perks from former presidents, a move that has generated mixed reactions, with only some claiming this would not save state funds. Beyond such optics, people pin hopes on a systemic overhaul, particularly in curbing corruption and holding the political elite accountable.

A month ago, former president Ranil Wickremesinghe was arrested by the Criminal Investigations Department for allegedly misusing state funds. It was also the first time a Sri Lankan president had been arrested on any charge. Wickremesinghe, now out on bail, marked the 79th anniversary of the United National Party (UNP) on September 20 in Colombo, where he referred to the current administration as a 'constitutional dictatorship'. For those fast losing patience with the government, Wickremesinghe's arrest was the spark they were looking for. For his part, Wickremesinghe has used it to send out a rallying call for all anti-JVP/NPP forces to come together.

Then there are the unmistakable aspirations of the island's North, where the people overwhelmingly voted in favour of the NPP last November. They broke tradition and placed their faith in a southern politician to deliver justice and bring closure. There are many unresolved issues in the former conflict zones—missing persons, displacement, landlessness, and absence of justice for atrocities committed during years of war. The list is endless, and the people are waiting for the government to start moving. Dissanayake will do well to remember the northern mandate and to honour that fragile faith—one that is not easily given to a southern political leader.

As Dissanayake completes his first year, the nation watches him with cautious optimism. The next four years will prove crucial, not only for the government but also for his presidency, amidst increasing public scrutiny. It is not unusual that the public is restless and is looking for quick fixes. This electoral victory had taken 50 long years to achieve, and it cannot be squandered.

Then there are South Asian political lessons offering a clear warning to all governments, which started with Sri Lanka itself in 2022. South Asia's quicksand politics are such that there is little patience for unfulfilled promises or ignored aspirations. People seem to not hesitate to drive governments out of office, holding a lesson for everyone—for those in office and those in waiting. The future of a popularly elected government can be cut short by the very people who elected them, and with no notice, should they feel a betrayal of the people's trust.

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SLAYER OF DARKNESS

RENUKA NARAYANAN

FAITHLINE

SHARAD Navaratri begins today, commemorating the battle fought by the Goddess Durga against the titan Mahishasura, a shape-shifter long before the advent of the Harry Potter books. He was half-man, half-buffalo, and kept changing his form in the fight until he was finally killed when Durga plunged a trident into his chest.

Mahishasura had gained a boon from Agni that no man could kill him. So, it had to be a woman, a possibility he found too absurd to remotely consider. He went on a rampage, terrorising the three worlds with his brutality. The celestials, led by Indra, were unable to vanquish Mahishasura. So, they strategised. They assembled in the mountains and decided to transfer their combined divine energies into the goddess Durga. Suitably armed, she set forth to challenge Mahishasura.

At first, he laughed at her, confident of his brute strength against a mere 'woman', failing to recognise her power as the *Parashakti,* or Supreme Goddess, for had he not beaten all the celestials soundly? When she didn't back down, he tried frightening her with threatening moves. Durga did not budge, only looked at him with calm contempt. Finally, he was forced to attack head-on, unable to believe that a feminine entity had the strength and skill to withstand him. In desperation, he tried to change from his original form, which was half-man, half-buffalo. In turn, he became a charging buffalo, a lion, a man and an elephant, before finally being killed. He returned in his dying throes to his original half-and-half form.

At a symbolic level, Mahishasura represents arrogance, cruelty and ignorance, the dark forces that repeatedly threaten the smooth functioning of life. But they can be overcome by the bright, sincere strength that the goddess represents. That is the underlying message of the festival, with its fasts and its holdbacks from meat and drink—that the recommended physical detox should enable a process of mental detox. That we should ask ourselves honest questions without excuses or deflections, and without transferring blame. That we should pray for the strength and wisdom to identify whatever we may be doing that is harmful to others and to ourselves, and resolve to fix it. This is the greatest gift that the festival wants to give people—an annual calendar opportunity to update our software and give ourselves new beginnings, the chance to positively refresh both our thinking and our doing.

The central text of the Sharad Navaratri is the *Devi Mahatmyaham*, meaning 'The Glory of the Goddess'. It is part of the Markandeya Purana, Chapters 81 to 93. Some scholars suggest that it dates back to the fifth century, while others propose the seventh. It is also known as the *Durga Saptasati*, or 'Seven Hundred Verses for Durga', which are arranged into thirteen chapters. However, while wrapped in a powerful story and beautiful verses of praise that begin '*Ya Devi*' (Hail, Goddess), the *Devi Mahatmyaham* is essentially a philosophical text on the reality of the human condition and the nature of life.

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The frame story of the *Devi Mahatmyaham* concerns a dispossessed king called Suratha, who has lost his kingdom, and a merchant named Samadhi, who is betrayed by his own family. Both men have been evicted from their respective homes. Shattered by these events, they decide to renounce the world and retreat to the forest ashram of a famous sage of their era, Rishi Medhas. They meet in the forest and discover each other's unhappy stories. What troubles them most is that despite the betrayals and being kicked out of their home, they still yearn for their families. They find Rishi Medhas and pour out their woes.

The rishi's teachings lead them out of their misery into a state of better understanding. The sage tells them about *Mahamaya*, an epithet of the *Parashakti*, who is both the Creatrix and the cause of the world's delusion. It is she who creates attachments to keep the world going, and it is our job as frail humans who are nevertheless blessed with intelligence to realise that nothing is permanent, and learn to detach from too much attachment.

The Devi appears in many different ways, explains the sage, and her most famous form is that of Mahishasura Mardini, the Slayer of the Buffalo Demon. As we further know, this legend is widely known among modern Indians, and it has been depicted in paintings and sculptures across various regions and eras.

The sage then tells the king and merchant several stories of the Devi's manifestations, which were taken to fight a succession of demons. The explicit message here is that the fight against darkness, both external and within ourselves, never ends and must be faced with fortitude. The sage advises the king and the merchant to take refuge in the Devi to be free of delusion. They undertake penance, and the Devi grants them a vision of herself. She gives the king back his kingdom, as he knows no other trade, and, intriguingly, grants the merchant wisdom so that he can work off his karma and attain moksha.

It turns out, although not mentioned in the *Devi Mahatmyaham*, that Suratha, the restored king, became a legendary ruler of ancient Kalinga, which is now modern Odisha. It is he who is credited with having initiated the tradition of Durga Puja. Fascinating, is it not, how the supernatural and historical coexist seamlessly in our heritage?

In sum, like the *Bhagavad Gita*, the *Devi Mahatmyaham* is a philosophical battle plan expressed through Navaratri rituals, for winning our life wars.

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US's partisanship

Ref: *United Nations: Fading footnote in history of hope* (Sep 21). The United Nations could do precious little in ending the ongoing Russia-Ukraine conflict or the war in Gaza. The headquarters must be shifted from New York if the US continues to exhibit such a biased view.
M Haneef, Kottayam

Modi administration

Ref: *Modi @ 75: Architect of ambition* (Sep 21). PM Narendra Modi's tenure has certainly witnessed initiatives that have benefited large sections of the population, and also some moneybags in his inner circle. The Modi administration, like a curate's egg, has only been good in parts.
C V Aravind, Chennai

Tech talent

Ref: *2.8L Indian jobs on the line as Trump slaps $1L H-1B fee* (Sep 21). What began as a tariff dispute has now taken a different turn, potentially targeting India's digital growth. This hurts not only Indian IT companies, but also American firms that rely on Indian talent to drive innovation and competitiveness.
K Ragavan, Bengaluru

Lalettan's legacy

Ref: *Actor Mohanlal to be conferred Dadasaheb Phalke Award* (Sep 21). It is glad to hear that *Lalettan* has been chosen for the prestigious award. His film career, spanning over 48 years, had several inspiring characters that will always remain in the hearts of millions of fans across the globe.
Jishi R, Kollam

Sportsman's spirit

Ref: *The handshake that became a headline* (Sep 21). I would also like to point out that during the 1979-80 Golden Jubilee Test held in Bombay, India Captain G R Vishwanath recalled English batter Bob Taylor when GRV realised that he was wrongly given out. Vishwanath, too, was known to walk off when he knew he was out, irrespective of the umpire's decision, depicting great acts of sportsmanship.
Hemanth D Pai, email

Golden opening

Ref: *Anti-immigrant nationalism* (Sep 21). While the fee imposition may dampen Indian aspirations in the US, it offers India a strategic opening. If the American dream turns costlier, our brightest minds may stay back or return, strengthening startups and research at home.
Sanjeev Jha, New Delhi

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POSTS OF THE DAY

Jairam Ramesh @Jairam_Ramesh
Will the PM address these claims and speak of the increasingly fraught Indo-US relationship? Will he address the concerns of lakhs of Indian H1B holders?

Arvind Kejriwal @ArvindKejriwal
Prime Minister ji, do something at least. Why is the Prime Minister of 140 crore people so helpless in the end? Can't you handle anything at all?

Amit Malviya @amitmalviya
The cat is out of the bag. Rahul Gandhi's advisor Yogendra Yadav has struck again — openly admitting that the entire "vote chori" campaign has no proof.

$100K H-1B fee one-time, only for new entrants: US

White House clarifies that revised fee not applicable on renewals

SANAL SUDEVAN @ Chennai

HOURS after US President Donald Trump signed a proclamation imposing a $100,000 fee on H-1B visa holders—up from the earlier range of $2,500–$5,000—the White House backtracked and issued a clarification, stating that this is a one-time fee applicable only to new entrants. The US administration also clarified that the revised fee is not applicable on renewals or current visa holders.

White House Press Secretary Karoline Leavitt, in a post on X, said: "This is not an annual fee. It's a one-time fee that applies only to the petition. Those who already hold H-1B visas and are currently outside the country will NOT be charged $100,000 to re-enter. H-1B visa holders can leave and re-enter the country to the same extent as they normally would; whatever ability they have to do that is not impacted by yesterday's proclamation.

He added: "This applies only to new visas, not renewals, and not current visa holders. It will first apply in the next upcoming lottery cycle."

The clarification comes after videos and posts circulated widely on social media showing H-1B visa holders disembarking from flights after their employers advised them not to leave the country, causing widespread confusion among IT workers.

Several IT stocks fall as a result of steep H-1B fees

Following announcement on H-1B visa fees, several IT stocks fell on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE). Sify Technologies Ltd slipped 0.17%, WNS Holdings Ltd ended flat, while Cognizant Technology Solutions dropped 4.73% to $66.94 on NASDAQ on September 19. The clarification by the US authorities on H-1B visa is likely to comfort Indian equity markets on Monday.

In India, IT industry body Nasscom on Saturday flagged the timeline for implementation as a major concern, since the new rules apply to anyone entering the US after 12.01 am on September 21.

The US government on Friday night had announced increasing the H-1B fee by 20-25 times to $100,000. In a press statement, the White House said: "The proclamation restricts entry for aliens as non-immigrants to perform services in specialty occupations in the H-1B program unless their petition is accompanied by a $100,000 payment. The proclamation directs the Secretary of Labor to initiate rulemaking to revise the prevailing wage levels for the H-1B program and directs the Secretary of Homeland Security to initiate rulemaking to prioritize high-skilled, high-paid H-1B workers."

The US administration had justified the unprecedented move by claiming that H-1B visa holders were taking away jobs from local residents. It cited that the share of IT workers with H-1B visas has risen from 32% in FY2003 to over 65% in recent years. "Unemployment among computer science graduates has reached 6.1% and 7.5% for computer engineering graduates. The number of foreign STEM workers in the US has more than doubled between 2000 and 2019, while overall STEM employment increased only 44.5% during that time."

EC asks poll officials of states to be ready for roll revisions by Sept 30

PARVEZ SULTAN @ New Delhi

THE Election Commission of India (ECI) has asked chief electoral officers (CEOs) in states to be ready for the special intensified revision (SIR) of voter lists by September 30. This suggests that the poll authority could launch the cleanup exercise as early as October.

According to officials, at a conference of state chief electoral officers (CEOs) earlier this month, the EC top brass asked them to be prepared for revision rollout in the next 10 to 15 days. The deadline of September 30 was set for the sake of greater clarity.

The CEOs have been asked to keep voter lists of their states, published after the last SIR ready. Several state CEOs have already put up the lists on their websites.

The website of the Delhi CEO has the voter list from 2008, when the last intensive revision took place in the national capital. In Uttarakhand, the last SIR took place in 2006 and the electoral roll from that year is now on the state CEO's website. The last SIR in states will serve as the cut-off date, just as the 2003 voter list of Bihar is being used by the EC for intensive revision.

Most states had the last SIR between 2002 and 2004 and have nearly completed mapping of current electors with those as per the last intensive revision.

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The EC had earlier said that after Bihar, SIR would be carried out in the entire country.

Assembly elections in Assam, Kerala, Puducherry, Tamil Nadu and West Bengal are due in 2026. The primary objective to conduct SIR is to identify and remove illegal immigrants by verifying the voters' place of birth, a move that gains urgency amid ongoing crackdowns in several states on undocumented migrants from countries like Bangladesh and Myanmar.

The cleanup comes ahead of the 2026 Assembly elections in Assam, Kerala, Puducherry, Tamil Nadu, and West Bengal, where the updated and verified electoral rolls will play a critical role.

INSIDER TRACK

State leaders cagey on 'vote chori'

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's push against "vote theft" has found little traction with several state leaders. They have reportedly refused to launch agitations in support of the campaign against alleged electoral fraud in the 2024 Lok Sabha polls. Sources say Congress units in Haryana, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, and Gujarat declined to organize "vote chori" campaigns. They argued the slogan has not captured the public imagination. PCC presidents and CLP leaders told the leadership that while "vote theft" is a catchy slogan, it doesn't resonate with the masses. Pushing the campaign, they felt, would waste resources and energy. This setback comes as the party alleges voter fraud in at least 27 Madhya Pradesh Assembly constituencies during the 2023 elections, as well as irregularities in the Maharashtra and Haryana polls.

Moves behind Anand Sharma's exit

Congress leader Anand Sharma recently resigned as chairman of the AICC's foreign affairs department after a decade-long stint, officially citing the need to "help in its reconstitution." However, sources said the party leadership asked the former Union minister to step down. Sharma, who was part of diplomatic outreach on Operation Sindoor, has been replaced by former Union minister Salman Khurshid. According to sources, Khurshid's appointment was made at the behest of the top leadership, though some raised reservations. Khurshid was MEA in UPA-II and also part of the multi-party delegation seeking global support for Operation Sindoor. The reasons for Sharma's removal, despite being a CWC member, are unclear. Sources say his statements, which diverged from the party line, may have upset the leadership.

Navratri, sadhana & speculation

As the festival of Navratri approaches, Shakti-sadhana isn't just happening in temples. It's echoing through the corridors of power, too. Beginning September 22 and continuing till October 2, the nine auspicious days may also mark a political reawakening, with speculation rife about a much-awaited Modi Cabinet reshuffle. Sources indicate that several ministries, now managed by senior ministers, may soon be assigned new independent leaders, with the Finance Ministry drawing particular attention. The reshuffle may include allies from Bihar parties, such as the JDU, RLP, and LJP (RV), with names like Upendra Kushwaha, Sanjay Kumar Jha, and either Shambhavi Chaudhary or Arun Bharti being discussed. There is also talk of including a Muslim leader from the BJP— possibly a Rajya Sabha MP or a Morcha leader—is also being quietly discussed. "Modi Baba knows best. Or maybe Mota Bhai," quipped a BJP functionary when pressed for confirmation. For now, it's saffron hopes riding on a festive tide.

Bullet points for bulletproofing

As Raisina Hill slowly gives way to Kartavya Path as the new seat of power, it appears the government is also rethinking how best to secure its most high-profile offices—quite literally. Buzz in babudom has it that the chambers of top ministers and secretaries—especially those handling defence, home affairs, and foreign policy—are set to get a serious upgrade: bullet-resistant glass. Not the tinted, decor-matching kind, mind you, but the tested-by-ballistics-labs sort. Foreign Minister S. Jaishankar, MEA Secretary Vikram Misri, Home Minister Amit Shah, and Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, along with top officials Govind Mohan and R.K. Singh, are expected to have new bullet-resistant glass installed in their offices. The CPWD has reportedly issued tenders, and samples may be tested at TBRL in Chandigarh or the Gujarat Forensic Lab in Gandhinagar—just to make sure they can stop more than just prying eyes. Some see this as a standard security measure, while others question the need for more protection in an already secure area. It never hurts to have a little extra glass between you and unpredictability.

From lathi to kalam: RJD's makeover

Once mocked for its slogan "Lathi mein tel pilao," the RJD in Bihar is now tossing pens instead of bamboo sticks—and claiming a moral makeover ahead of the upcoming state elections. Party leader Tejashwi Yadav has launched a symbolic "Kalam Do" (Give Pen) campaign, tossing pens into the crowd at rallies. While some opponents have ridiculed the gesture, many in the audience seem to be taking the message seriously. The party is clearly trying to signal a new, rebranded RJD focused on education, development, and inclusivity. An RJD worker summed it up with flair: "No more caste calls, no lathis. Only commitment. Tejashwi ka tej se Bihar hoga urjawan!". RJD is positioning itself as being "saab ke saath" for "saab ke vikas", presenting itself as modern, moderate, and merit-focused, hoping to ride the pen, not the stick, into the future. From lathi politics to literate populism, RJD's evolution might just be one of Bihar's more unexpected political shifts.

Cong takes swipe at PM's address, says current GST reforms not adequate

PREETHA NAIR @ New Delhi

TAKING a swipe at Prime Minister Modi's address to the nation on GST reforms, the Opposition parties said that the new rates are a 'mere band-aid after inflicting deep wounds' and that the reforms are inadequate.

Reacting sharply to PM's claims that GST reforms will accelerate India's growth story, Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge demanded that the government must apologise to the public for levying GST on essential items.

"Narendra Modi ji, instead of the simple and efficient GST proposed by the Congress party, your government imposed the 'Gabbar Singh Tax' with nine different slabs, collecting over ₹55 lakh crore in eight years. Now you are talking about a ₹2.5 lakh crore savings festival and applying a band-aid after inflicting deep wounds on the public", he wrote on X.

Echoing the view, Congress general secretary (communications) Jairam Ramesh said that Modi's address sought to claim sole ownership of the amendments made to the GST regime by the GST Council, a constitutional body. The current GST reforms are inadequate, he stressed.

The Congress has long described GST as a 'growth suppressing tax," said Ramesh, adding that it is plagued by multiple tax brackets, punitive rates on mass-consumption items, large-scale evasion and misclassification, high compliance costs, and an inverted duty structure (where input taxes are higher than output taxes). He said the party has been demanding "GST 2.0" since July 2017.

The Congress leader further pointed out that the key demand of the states, the extension of compensation for another five years remains unaddressed.

The widespread concerns of MSMEs must be addressed meaningfully. Apart from major procedural changes, this involves further increasing the thresholds that apply to interstate supplies," he pointed out.

With 42 squadrons, IAF weighs more firepower for 2-front war

MAYANK SINGH @ New Delhi

FORTY-TWO combat squadrons may not be enough to handle the likely two-front war, given the rapid technological changes and the increasing number of platforms being added to the military services of both China and Pakistan, sources in the Indian Air Force (IAF) said on Sunday.

With the pressure of future two-front war scenarios, major discussions are underway regarding the evaluation and accretion of the capabilities and re-orbatting the force.

"42 Combat Squadrons may not be able to meet the requirement to handle the two-front wars with the way technology is changing fast in conjunction with the number of platforms being added into the services of both China and Pakistan", affirmed the sources in the know of the things.

A two-front war is in the context of the anticipated need for simultaneous deployment against the PLA Air Force (PLAAF) and Pakistan Air Force (PAF). Re-orbatting here refers to the reorganising and redeploying of the existing troops and equipment to meet the requirements of the new tactical and strategic requirement. Accretion is being planned towards adding new capabilities and weapons and equipment, the sources said.

The Chinese have already started working on their Sixth Generation fighter, post the induction of fifth generation fighters operationalised in the PLAAF. In June, the Pakistan government had talked about inducting 40 J-15 fifth-generation fighter jets.

The generation of an aircraft gets defined by onboard technology, weaponry, avionics, speed and stealth. The increase in generation numbers signifies a leap in the previous design, which was unable to retrofit modern technology, thus requiring a new airframe.

In its over 80 years of history, the IAF has seen recommendations for a major increase in the force levels recommended only twice. Post the China war of 1962, the JRD Tata Committee had recommended 50 Combat Squadrons, which was scaled down to 35 due to financial constraints.

The second scaling up of the sanctioned Combat Strength came in 2012 when 42 was marked as the sanctioned combat strength to meet the challenges, including two-front war scenarios. A squadron in the air force comprises 16–18 aircraft.

"Going by the present and future requirements, these combat squadrons would require a rise of above 50 in numbers", another source said.

On the Force Level, the Standing Committee on Defence in December 2024 pointed to rapid depletion in future. "Though we are talking about increasing its strength, the authorised strength of the IAF is 42 fighter squadrons and currently it has only 31," the report said.

States' salary bills balloon 2.5 times in 10 yrs: CAG

DIPAK MONDAL @ New Delhi

THE salary bills of states have ballooned 2.5 times in the 10 years to 2022-23, reaching ₹16.6 lakh crore, while subsidy bills have more than trebled to ₹3.09 lakh crore, according to a report published by the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) of India. The State Finances Publication 2025 further shows that public debt raised by states grew 3.4 times over the same period to ₹59.6 lakh crore.

In FY 2022-23, states' committed expenditure on salaries, interest payments, and pensions constituted a significant portion of their finances, accounting for about 43.49% of total revenue expenditure. Salaries formed the largest component of this spending.

Expenditure on salaries, pensions, and interest payments as a percentage of revenue expenditure varied widely—from as high as 74% in Nagaland to 32% in Maharashtra. In 2022-23, 15 states reported committed expenditure exceeding 50% of their revenue expenditure, seven states between 40–50%, and six states below 40%.

Subsidy expenditure 8.61% of finances

Subsidy spending accounted for 8.61% of states' revenue expenditure—defined as spending on day-to-day government operations and services that do not create assets or increase existing assets. Arunachal Pradesh reported no subsidy spending.

Among southern states, committed expenditure accounted for 63% of Kerala's revenue expenditure, 51% in Tamil Nadu, 42% in Andhra Pradesh, 41% in Telangana, and 33% in Karnataka.

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In 2022-23, four states—Punjab, Gujarat, Andhra Pradesh, and Rajasthan—spent more than 10% of their total expenditure on subsidies, with Punjab the highest at 17%. By contrast, in 10 states (Sikkim, Nagaland, Meghalaya, Uttarakhand, Manipur, Tripura, Mizoram, Kerala, Assam, and Goa), subsidies were below 2% of total expenditure. Arunachal Pradesh reported no subsidy expenditure.

The report also shows that committed expenditure and subsidies together exceeded states' own tax revenue—at 102% in 2013-14 and 134% in 2020-21. States' major revenue sources include own tax and non-tax revenues, grants-in-aid, and their share of Union taxes. Between 2013-14 and 2022-23, states' average share in Union taxes was about 27% of total revenue receipts. In FY 2022-23, this figure remained unchanged at 27%.

In 2022-23, 10 states together received 72% of the states' share in Union taxes and duties. Uttar Pradesh (17.89%), Bihar (10.07%), Madhya Pradesh (7.86%), West Bengal (7.53%), and Maharashtra (6.33%) together accounted for 50% of devolved taxes. Among southern states, Tamil Nadu received 4.08%, Andhra Pradesh 4.02%, Karnataka 3.65%, Telangana 2.07%, and Kerala 1.93%.

As of March 31, 2023, the total public debt for all 28 states stood at ₹59.6 lakh crore, about 23% of their combined GSDP.

Culture ministry to prepare separate SOPs for preservation of manuscripts

PARVEZ SULTAN @ New Delhi

THE Culture Ministry has set itself a mammoth task of locating, preserving, and decoding India's vast manuscript wealth, scattered across states and written on everything from palm leaves and birch bark to copper plates and cloth.

At the Gyan Bharatam international conference held recently, PM Narendra Modi put the number of manuscripts at a staggering one crore in multiple languages, including Sanskrit, Tamil, Persian and Malayalam. The ministry is drawing up separate standard operating procedures (SoPs) to preserve ancient text recorded on a wide variety of materials.

"Given the varied nature of manuscripts on different objects, we will develop separate SoPs for each type of document like text on a copper plate or banana leaf. We will also encourage custodians of manuscripts to handover the article to the Government for better upkeep. The plan is to develop a national repository or hub in Delhi," Secretary, Ministry of Culture Vivek Aggarwal.

The ministry has planned to develop 'Gyan Bharatam' as an institution with headquarters in Delhi on the lines of Archaeological Survey of India (ASI), which is responsible for conservation and safeguarding 3,697 heritage sites in the country.

The proposed institutions under Gyan Bharatam will have regional centres in states or UTs depending on the manuscripts collection there like J&K has a huge number of texts. "Uttar Pradesh would have many manuscripts there; we will not be able to access only one centre. So, it will be as per the requirement and the number that we have in a particular area. In the northeast and east we may have more such centres," added Aggarwal.

Dean of Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA) Professor Ramesh Chandra Gaur said that approaches to conservation are broadly of two types; preventive and curative and both largely depend on the base material.

"The materials upon which Indian manuscripts and inscriptions are written or engraved vary widely, and each responds differently to weathering and the passage of time," said Gaur.

COURT RELIEF

A man who murdered a woman and her daughter after they realised they were duped of ₹1L by him got his death sentence commuted by the Calcutta High Court to life imprisonment without remission or 40 years.

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Amritsar	34	24	Lucknow	33	27
Chennai	32	27	Port Blair	29	27
Kolkata	31	27	Imphal	31	22
Srinagar	28	14	Chandigarh	33	24

Bihar deputy CM shares video on 'abuses', RJD says BJP alarmed by support to 'adhikar yatra'

BJP says PM's late mother insulted at Tejashwi rally

RAMASHANKAR @ Patna

THE BJP on Sunday alleged that abuses were hurled at Prime Minister Narendra Modi's late mother by RJD workers during Tejashwi Yadav's 'Bihar Adhikar Yatra', which concluded on Saturday. BJP also claimed that Tejashwi was on the dais when his party workers made derogatory remarks against PM's mother.

Sharing a video of the purported latest such an incident on his X handle, deputy chief minister Samrat Choudhary wrote, "Tejashwi Yadav has once again insulted Modi ji's late mother. He has once again torn apart the culture of Bihar. In the rally, the RJD workers were hurling as many abuses as they could, and Tejashwi was encouraging them. The mothers and sisters of Bihar will surely hold him accountable for this thuggish mentality and abusive behaviour."

Union minister and BJP MP Giriraj Singh said, "Crores of mothers in Bihar and the country have been insulted, and people will accordingly respond in the assembly election. They take offense when we call Lalu Yadav's regime as 'Jungle Raj'. Our Prime Minister is being abused from the stage of Lalu's prince. You people will not improve. Judging by your demeanor, character, and appearance, it's clear that you are Lalu's political heir."

A conspiracy by saffron party, says RJD spokesperson

Reacting sharply to the BJP's allegation, RJD spokesperson Chitranjan Gagan said, "BJP and its allies are in no position to comment on the issues Tejashwi is raising during the Yatra. Therefore, the BJP has been orchestrating one conspiracy after another to divert attention."

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"The RJD's culture is not such that it would use abusive language against anyone. The credibility of the video being shown is questionable, as the BJP's political foundation rests on lies and trickery. If anyone has used abusive language against the Prime Minister, we strongly condemn it. We also demand an investigation and the strictest possible action against the guilty," he added.

It is not for the first time that the opposition is facing such allegations as abuses were allegedly hurled from a stage in Darbhanga during Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's 'Voter Adhikar Yatra'. One person was later arrested by police for being involved in hurling abuses on Modi and her late mother at an event during the Yatra.

Amid family row, Lalu's daughter says no poll plan

RAMASHANKAR @ Patna

DISPUTES within RJD's first family has erupted after party chief Lalu Prasad's Singapore-based daughter Rohini Acharya asserted on Sunday that she was not aspiring for a party ticket to contest the Assembly election or make somebody else fight the polls.

Rohini, who donated a kidney to Lalu in 2022, commented on 'X', "In my context, all the rumours spread by trolls, miscreants, paid media, and those with malicious intentions of usurping the party are baseless and part of a smear campaign aimed at damaging my image. I have never had any political ambitions in the past, nor do I have any now, nor will I have any in the future..."

Rohini had unfollowed Lalu, her brother and RJD leader Tejashwi Prasad Yadav and other family members on 'X' on Saturday. She also removed photographs of all top RJD top leaders from her social media page.

Rumours are doing the rounds that Rohini was expecting ticket but was denied by the party leadership. She had earlier unsuccessfully contested 2024 Lok Sabha election from Saran. The trouble started after RJD MP, Sanjay Yadav, a close associate of Tejashwi, was recently seen sitting on the front seat of specially designed vehicle during Bihar Adhikar Yatra.

5 foreign nationals who sneaked in through Nepal border nabbed in Bihar

RAMASHANKAR @ Patna

FIVE foreign nationals, including four from Sudan and one from Bolivia, were arrested near the India-Nepal border in Bihar's East Champaran district, officials said on Sunday. The individuals were apprehended on Saturday night as they attempted to enter Indian territory illegally.

The arrested individuals including Abdul Fitah (44), Rama Siddiqui (38), Ali Abdul Gaffar (27), and Ahmad Daffala (37), all Sudanese citizens, and Miguel Solani Chaveza (32), a Bolivian national, were intercepted near the Raxaul bus stand in East Champaran. They had entered India from Nepal, crossing the porous border near Agarwa village, close to Ghorasahan.

A joint operation by the Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB) and district police led to the arrest. Acting on a tip-off, the security forces intercepted the group as they attempted to board a bus at the Raxaul bus station. The suspects were travelling via a rural route, possibly to avoid the main border entry points, as they lacked valid documents to enter India, said officials.

Swarna Prabhat, Superintendent of Police (SP) for East Champaran, confirmed the arrest and stated that the five individuals failed to present valid visas or other necessary documentation. "They are being interrogated to determine the motive behind their illegal entry into India," he said.

Sub-divisional Police Officer (SDPO), Sikrahana, Uday Shankar added that the group had booked their tickets at Raxaul bus stand for Motihari. "We are also in touch with intelligence agencies regarding their arrest," he said.

During questioning, the Sudanese nationals claimed to be enrolled in a college in Hyderabad, though they could not explain why they crossed into India from Nepal. Authorities also recovered several suspicious documents, notes and books written in Urdu from their possession, said officials. The arrest comes just days after 11 foreign nationals, including four from China and a Khalistani citizen, were detained near the Raxaul border for attempting to enter India illegally.

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96-yr-old donates ₹7L for disaster relief

Jabar Singh Rawat, a 96-year-old resident of Dehradun, has set an inspiring example by donating ₹7 lakh to the Chief Minister's Relief Fund for Uttarakhand's disaster reconstruction efforts. Rawat personally presented the cheque to Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami at his residence on Saturday. Lauding the gesture, CM Dhami said, "This act by Shri Jabar Singh Rawat is not merely a donation; it symbolises a lifetime of experience, empathy, and social responsibility. His spirit at 96 is an inspiration for future generations. The CM felicitated Rawat with a shawl, acknowledging his significant contribution during the state's challenging period.

Uttarakhand unveils 'Sports Legacy' plan

Uttarakhand is launching a "Sports Legacy Plan" to become a premier sports destination, CM Pushkar Singh Dhami announced on Friday. Inaugurating the Asian Cadet Cup fencing tournament, he revealed 23 new sports academies across eight cities. These will annually train 900 world-class athletes and 1,000 other players. "It's a matter of pride for Devbhoomi to host the Asian Fencing Cup for the first time," said CM Dhami. He highlighted that the state's ₹517-crore investment in modern stadiums and ₹100 crore in equipment is creating "world-class sports infrastructure." This commitment, he added, is transforming Uttarakhand.

Sara Sae secures top export award

Dehradun-based Sara Sae Private Ltd, a global leader in oilfield equipment, has been honoured with the Star Performer Award for 2023-24. The award, in the Bright Bars & Other Diverse Products – Medium Enterprise category, was presented at the 56th EEPC India National Export Excellence Awards in New Delhi, an event graced by President Droupadi Murmu. Managing Director Sumit Dhawan expressed pride, crediting the award to "employees' hard work and our global customers' trust." Celebrating four decades of engineering excellence and now fully solar-powered, Sara Sae is strategically expanding into key Middle Eastern markets.

Ahead of exam, cheating kingpin arrested with aide in U'khand

NARENDRA SETHI @ Dehradun

AS a pre-emptive measure, Uttarakhand Police have once again arrested the leader of a notorious exam cheating racket, Hakam Singh, and his accomplice, Pankaj Gaur, just a day before a crucial written exam for graduate-level posts by the Uttarakhand Subordinate Service Selection Commission (UKSSSC).

The duo was arrested in Dehradun on Saturday, accused of attempting to defraud six aspiring candidates by promising them guaranteed success in the upcoming exam for a hefty sum ranging from ₹12 to ₹15 lakh each. The breakthrough came after a joint operation by the Dehradun Police and the Uttarakhand STF.

Dehradun SSP Ajay Singh revealed, "Given the likelihood of anti-social elements becoming active during the UKSSSC examination and luring candidates, both the Dehradun Police and Uttarakhand STF had pre-emptively placed suspected individuals under close scrutiny." He added that confidential intelligence received two days prior indicated a syndicate was actively seeking large sums of money from candidates.

J'khand tribal man killed by villagers for mocking death of ex-gram pradhan

MUKESH RANJAN @ Ranchi

A 60-year-old tribal man was beaten to death by the villagers for allegedly mocking the death of a former gram pradhan in Jharkhand's Sahibganj area, police said on Sunday.

The incident took place at Telotok village under Bada Durgapur Panchayat of Teenpahar police station area in Sahibganj. After a Panchayat meeting was held in the village following the death of the pradhan, the infuriated villagers tied Guhia Pahariya to a tree and thrashed him relentlessly with sticks, kicks and punches, leaving him dead on the spot on Saturday evening, the police said.

According to Rajmahal Sub-divisional Police Officer (SDPO), Vilesh Kumar Tripathi, the investigation into the crime revealed that Pahariya was targeted for mocking the death of the former village Pradhan, who had passed away ten days ago. The infuriated family members, along with the villagers, thrashed him badly with bamboo sticks, punches and kicks killing him on the spot.

However, the deceased's wife, Chandi Paharin, and daughter, Sonali Paharin, alleged that the villagers charged Guhia Pahariya with practising witchcraft. They accused the former pradhan's family of playing a key role in this cold-blooded murder. "My husband was being held responsible for the death of the former gram pradhan. They alleged said he performed black magic to kill the former village head, and hence killed him," the woman said. Based on the deceased's wife, an FIR has been registered at Pahar Police Station and two primary accused—Paul Malto and Sushil Malto—arrested. A search is on for the other accused.

'Accused of witchcraft'

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Sikh charities, NRIs chip in for Punjab flood relief efforts

HARPREET BAJWA @ Chandigarh

FLOOD-ravaged Punjab is steadily getting back on its feet, thanks to the tireless efforts of individuals and organisations from all walks of life, including global Sikh charities, local volunteers, actors, singers and NRIs. NGOs like Global Sikhs, Khalsa Aid, and United Sikhs have been on the ground since day one, providing immediate aid and beginning rehabilitation efforts.

Talking to this newspaper, Global Sikhs founder and CEO Amarpreet Singh said, "We own six boats and were involved in rescue operations in Ferozepur, Fazilka, and Gurdaspur districts. Now we're in the rehabilitation phase. We are constructing around 70 houses, with each house costing approximately ₹4–5 lakh. We're also providing household items such as beds, washing machines, fridges, gas stoves, and kitchen sets." In collaboration with Punjabi singer Diljit Dosanjh's Saanjh Foundation, they are also working on repairing flood-damaged embankments.

Singer and actor Mankirt Aulakh has donated tractors for desilting flooded fields, while Zomato has supported dry ration distribution. The Punjab Kings XI team is raising funds for the cause.

Khalsa Aid's trustee Kulwant Singh emphasized their focus on long-term rehabilitation, including the construction of schools on elevated platforms to serve as evacuation centres during future floods.

United Sikhs, affiliated with the UN, have been distributing mosquito control machines and planning to support farmers with de-silting and providing seeds for the upcoming crops. Non-Resident Indians (NRIs) have also pledged support, offering buffaloes and cattle to dairy farmers who lost their livestock. The Seattle chapter of Sarbat Da Bhala Trust has raised over $300,000 for relief efforts, with plans to distribute funds and supplies across flood-affected areas.

Pritpal Singh of Hanspal Traders in Kapurthala, who typically manufactures parts for Indian Railways, halted production to build over 100 boats. "We built the boats and distributed them free of cost to aid rescue operations," he said.

5 months on, Pahalgam shadow stays on tourism

FAYAZ WANI @ Srinagar

FIVE months after the Pahalgam terror attack that claimed 26 lives, the tourism sector in Jammu and Kashmir continues to feel its impact, with hotel occupancy levels remaining near zero. In the first fortnight of this month, only 9,000 tourists visited Kashmir.

The slump in tourism inflow has led to job cuts in the hospitality sector leaving the stakeholders grapple with economic distress. Kashmir Hotel and Restaurant Association (KHARA) president, Gowhar Maqbool, said that the tourism is nowhere to be seen in the Valley. The tourism, he said, has yet not revived. The leading travel agents from across the country visited Kashmir after Pahalgam attack to help in revival of tourism and instill confidence among tourists to return to the picturesque Valley.

According to Maqbool, "This time of year used to be peak season with tourists from Kolkata and other parts of the country flocking to Kashmir. Unfortunately, there is near zero percent occupancy in hotels. The consequences will be far-reaching, affecting thousands of families."

Just 9K tourists visited Kashmir in 1st Sept fortnight

According to a tourism official, only 9,000 tourists, including 406 foreigners, visited Kashmir in the first fortnight this month as against 1 lakh tourists, including 3,500 foreign tourist arrivals in September last year. Due to slump in tourism, hoteliers have downsized operations. Restaurants and eateries too have taken cost-cutting measures.

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Due to slump in tourism, hoteliers have downsized operations and laid-off staff. Restaurants and eateries too have taken cost-cutting measures including job cuts in a desperate bid to stay afloat.

A young cab driver said he had last year bought a Tavera (cab) to ferry tourists and earn livelihood. "Now I struggle to pay a ₹15,000 monthly bank instalment. My mother is battling cancer, and her treatment costs another ₹15,000 a month. With no business, I am seriously considering selling the vehicle if the situation doesn't improve," he said. Travel Agents Association of Kashmir (TAAK) Secretary General Sajad Kralyari said there is a clear slump in tourist arrivals, and hotel occupancy is extremely low.

"We are receiving very few queries," he said but was hopeful that Puja holidays in West Bengal next month might bring some relief for Kashmir tourism. The tourism stakeholders have urged Lt Governor administration to re-open 36 tourist spots closed after April 22 Pahalgam terror attack.

U'khand dual report card: Secondary level dropouts dip, primary a concern

NARENDRA SETHI @ Dehradun

UTTARAKHAND has achieved a significant milestone in reducing school dropout rates at the upper primary and secondary levels, emerging as the second-best performing state nationally in secondary education after Jharkhand.

This impressive progress, however, is tempered by a concerning rise in primary school dropouts, where the state paradoxically lags behind its peers.

According to the Unified District Information System for Education Plus (UDISE+) 2024-25 report, released by the Union Education Ministry, Uttarakhand's secondary dropout rate plummeted from 5.6% to a mere 4.6%. This places the state ahead of even Kerala, a traditionally high-performing state in educational metrics. At the upper primary level, dropouts decreased from 2.3% last year to 1.40%. While still behind states like Himachal Pradesh, Chandigarh, Haryana, Delhi, Telangana, and Maharashtra in this category, Uttarakhand's performance surpasses that of its peer states, Jharkhand and Chhattisgarh.

The UDISE+ report, which provides real-time data from all recognized pre-primary to Class 12 schools, highlights the varying educational landscapes across the country.

Despite these gains at higher levels, the primary education sector in Uttarakhand presents a stark contrast. The dropout rate at the basic school level paradoxically increased from 0.8% in 2023-24 to 0.9% this year. This situation is particularly alarming as several neighboring states, including Chhattisgarh (formed alongside Uttarakhand in 2000) and Jharkhand, have successfully achieved zero primary school dropouts.

Adding to the complexity, Uttarakhand is among the states where the percentage of schools and teachers in basic education exceeds the student percentage. Data indicates an average of one teacher for every 18 students in primary schools, yet the overall student enrollment continues to decline, and primary dropout rates are creeping up.

Dhan Singh Rawat, Uttarakhand's Education Minister, attributed the success to proactive policies. "We initiated change by being among the first to implement the National Education Policy. We've introduced several innovative experiments, developed high-tech and hybrid classrooms, and integrated school education with skill development," he said.

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Short Term Tender Notification

No. 11/2025-26 Dated: 17-09-2025
(THROUGH KPP-PORTAL ONLY)

On the behalf of the Managing Director, CNNL, Bangalore, the Executive Engineer, CNNL, NO.2, KC Division, Kollegal, the under signed invites tender for the work of **"Providing and laying pipeline from delivery chamber near budabalu village to ramanagudda tanks feeder channel to fill ramanagudda tank in hanur taluk"** from Registered in eligible contractors for the Amount put to Tender: **Rs. 198.72** lakhs; EMD: Rs. 3.00 lakhs; Tender Processing Fee: As per KPP-Portal. The contractor have to submit his tender through online KPP-Portal only. More information can be had from web site: https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in. Last date of any queries: **24-09-2025** up to at **4.00 PM,** Last date for receipt of completed tender and EMD: **25-09-2025** up to at **5.30 PM**. Date of opening of Technical Bid: **29-9-2025** at **11.00 AM** Date of opening of Financial Bid: After approval of Technical Bid. Any other details required can be obtained from office of the under signed during office hours.

Sd/-
Executive Engineer
CNNL No. 2, KCD, Kollegal.

NO:DIPR:CHANAGAR; 371:2025-26

Zilla Panchayath Chamarajanagar
Office of the District Health and Family Welfare Officer, Chamarajanagar District, Chamarajanagar.
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No.DHO/CHN/CV(3)/23/2025-26 Dated:19.09.2025

E-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTIFICATION

Tender is invited for Health Institutions under the District Health and Family Welfare Department, Chamarajanagar for the year 2025-26 for recruitment of Total-122 posts (117-Group D, 04-Guards and 01-X-Ray Assistant) through E-Procurement (www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in) in Two Cover system as per Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act (KTPP) 1999 Rules, 2000.

1. Estimated Tender value: Rs. 2,30,65,646.00/- 2. E.M.D: Rs. 5,76,641.00/- 3. Starting Date and Time for uploading Tender: 22.09.2025 11:00 AM 4. Last Date and Time for Receipt of Tender: 21.10.2025 11:00 AM 5. Date and Time for Opening of Technical Bid:23.10.2025 11:00 AM. For more information can be viewed on the web site https://kppp.karnataka.ka.gov.in.

Sd/-
District Health and Family Welfare Officer,
Chamarajanagar District, Chamarajanagar

NO:DIPR: CHANAGAR: 368:2025-26

PUBLIC NOTICE

Our clients Sri. VINAYA KUMAR. M. S/o Late. Muralidharan, aged about 38 years and Smt. CHAITRA G. W/o Sri. Vinaya kumar, Aged about 31 years, both are residing at No.241,1st Floor, 7th Main, Gururaja Layout, Near Vidyapeeta, Bengaluru- 560 028, informed that they have lost Original Allotment Letter bearing No. BDA/DS 4/1216/VI-BLK/BSK.6/2001-02 Dated 13.03.2002 and Original Possession Certificate Sl. No. 054641, PCR No.178/02-03, dated 31.10.2002 on 16.12.2022 at Vidyapeeta, Bengaluru, issued by the Bengaluru Development Authority. Further, our clients have lodged complaint before Bengaluru City Police on 16.12.2022 and based on the lost report No.0416319/2022, they obtained the certified copies of the above original documents from the BDA by paying necessary fee to the BDA on 21.03.2023.

Notice is hereby given to all general public that, whoever found the above mentioned Original Documents may kindly inform/Contact undersigned persons or please handed over the above original documents to the Deputy Secretary, BDA, Bengaluru or nearest police station within 15 days from of the date of publication of this notice. After the said period my clients will treat the above said Original Documents as lost permanently and will take further steps in accordance with law as they deem fit.

(This publication is made based on the complaint /lost report No.0416319/2022 dated 16.12.2022, filed before the Bengaluru City Police).

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All the part and parcel of the immovable vacant property bearing BDA Site No.1216, situated at Banashankari 6th Stage, 6th Block, Bengaluru, in the layout formed by Bengaluru Development Authority, measuring East to West:9.00 Meters and North to South:6.00 Meters, totally measuring 54.00 Square Meters and bounded on the : East by: Site bearing No. 1203 & 1202. West by: Road. North by: Site bearing No. 1217. South by: Site bearing No. 1215

MANJUNATHA.K.T., Advocate, No.914/2/1, 2nd Floor, 13th 'A' Main Road, Maruthi Circle, Hanumantha Nagar, Bengaluru-560 019. Mobile:9845339793,
Place: Bengaluru
Date: 19.09.2025.

BEFORE THE DEBT RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II AT BANGALORE
B.S.N.L. BUILDING, 4th FLOOR, TELEPHONE HOUSE, RAJBHAVAN ROAD, BENGALURU-560001.
Original Application No. 1033/2020

BETWEEN: CANARA BANK ...APPLICANT
AND: SRI.K.KUMAR & OTHERS ...DEFENDANTS

SUMMONS ISSUED TO DEFENDANT UNDER RULE 23 (VIII) OF THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES, 1993.

To, **SRI. K.KUMAR**, S/o Sri. Krishnappa, Aged about 50 years, Residing at Begur Village & Post, Sulibele Hobli, Hosakote Taluk, Bangalore Rural District - 562 122. Also residing at Shobha Residency, II Floor, 12th A Cross, Tindlu, Virupakshapura, Bangalore - 97.

Whereas, an Application which has been filed by the Applicant above named under section 19 of the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993, praying to issue a Recovery Certificate against you to repay the Applicant Bank a sum of Rs. 1,97,91,544.29 (Rupees One Crore Ninety Seven Lakh Ninety One Thousand Five Hundred and Forty Four and Twenty Nine Only) with respect of the Account No. 0474261005312, along with future interest @13.15% per Annum and in additional penal interest of 2% per Annum, from 30.05.2020 to till the date of realization; together with interest at the contracted rate and also future interests, has been registered by this Tribunal.

You are directed to appear before the DRT - II, Bangalore on **16-10-2025** at 11:00 A.M., in the forenoon in person or by a Pleader/Advocate duly instructed as to why the relief prayed for should not be granted.

Take Notice that in case of default, the Application will he heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of this Hon'ble Tribunal on 08-09-2025.

By order of the Tribunal, Registrar, Debts Recovery Tribunal-II, Bangalore.

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NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING THROUGH e-Procurement
Invitation For Bids (IFB)
C-1126

Sl. No.	Name of Work	Bid Identification No.	Estimated cost (Rs. in Lakhs)	Period of Completion	Availability of Bid Document for Online Bidding		Name & Address of Officer inviting Bid
					From	To	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1	Construction of ESR for Zonal water supply with other ancillary works in Chikiti NAC under State Plan.	Identification No. ACEPH-CBAM 10/2025-26 Dt. 19.09.2025	391.31	12 (Twelve) of Calendar Months	11.00 Hrs. of 26.09.2025	17.30 Hrs. of 16.10.2025	Chief Engineer, P.H. Circle, Berhampur

The technical bid shall be opened on **dt. 18.10.2025 at 12.30 P.M**
Further details can be seen from the e-Procurement portal **https://tendersodisha.gov.in**
OIPR-13004/11/0026/2526 **Sd/- CHIEF ENGINEER (PH)**

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES
OFFICE OF THE ADDITIONAL CHIEF ENGINEER
EASTERN CIRCLE-I, CANTONMENT ROAD, CUTTACK
Email id :- seeccuttack@gmail.com
A-646 **`e' Procurement Notice No.ACE, EC-I/04 of 2025-26**

1.	Name of Works	:	Improvement to Mahanadi left embankment service road from Mangarajpur to Sankhameri and Tunpur to Mugagahira. **Bid identification No.ACE, EC-I MND 02 of 2025-26**
		:	Improvement of D-7A right bank from Panaspur Medical Chhak to Baujanga village **Bid identification No.ACE, EC-I MND 03 of 2025-26**
		:	Improvement of D-7A1 right bank service road from Bandareswar chhak to Pallei School and D-6 canal road from RD 00m to 700m. **Bid identification No.ACE, EC-I MND 04 of 2025-26**
2.	Total No. of Works	:	3 (Three) Nos. works
3.	Tender paper Cost (online) (Non-refundable)	:	Rs.10,000.00 (Ten thousand) for each tender

4. Bid details are as follows:

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No	Tender Cost (Rs in Lakh) (Approx.)	EMD (On-line) (in Rs.)	Class of Contractor	Period of completion	Availability of Tender On-line for bidding		Date of Opening of Technical Bid (Cover-I)
						From	To	
Additional Chief Engineer' Eastern Circle -I, Cuttack	ACE. EC-1 MND 02 of 2025-26	235.75	2,35,800.00	'B' & 'A'	10 (Ten) Calendar months	24.09.2025 at 10.00 hrs.	14.10.2025 upto 17.30 hrs.	15.10 2025 at 11.30 hrs.
	ACE, EC-I MND -03 OF 2025-26	167.43	1,67,500.00	"B' & 'A'	10 (Ten) Calendar months	24.09.2025 at 10.00 hrs.	14.10.2025 upto 17.30 hrs.	15.10.2025 at 11.30 hrs.
	ACE, EC-I MND 04 OF 2025-26	237.00	2,37,000.00	'B' & 'A'	10 (Ten) Calendar months	24.09.2025 at 10.00 hrs.	14.10.2025 upto 17.30 hrs.	15.10.2025 at 11.30 hrs.

All other terms and conditions can be seen from the Govt. website www.tendersodisha.gov.in, All corrigendum / cancellation of tender if any, will only be uploaded in the above web site
OIPR-32370/11/0020/2526 **Sd/- Additional Chief Engineer, Eastern Circle-I, Cuttack**

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POSSESSION NOTICE

Whereas, the authorized officer of **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited** under the Securitization And Reconstruction of Financial Assets And Enforcement Of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 issued **demand notices** to the borrower(s)/ Co-borrowers(s) calling upon the borrowers to repay the amount mentioned against the respective names together with interest thereon at the applicable rates as mentioned in the said notices within **60 days** from the receipt of the said notices, along with future interest as applicable incidental expenses, costs, charges etc. incurred till the date of payment and/or realisation.

Sr. No.	Loan No.	Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor/ Mortgagor	13(2) Notice Date/ Outstanding Due (in Rs.) as on	Date/ Time & Type of Possession
1	32689630000122	1) Mr. Murthi N, 2) Mrs. Shanthamma A	**15.07.2025, Rs.1,91,196.17** (Rupees One Lakh Ninety One Thousand One Hundred Ninety Six and Seventeen Paisa Only) **due as on 13-07-2025**	**Date: 17-09-2025 Time: 03:50 PM Symbolic Possession**
	Description of the Property: All that piece and parcel of the for property bearing Site No.532, Sy.No.14, measuring East to West 15 ft and North to South 30 ft total measuring 450 sq.ft situated at Srinivasapura Colony, Ganakallu Village, Kengeri Hobali, Bengaluru South Taluk. BBMP Ward No.198 and **Bounded on: East by:** Site No.529, **West by:** Site No.533, **North by:** Passage (Road), **South by:** Site No.543.			
2	79189420000175	1) Mr. Sultan Salahuddin, 2) Mrs. Afreen S	**10.07.2025, Rs.41,39,845.37** (Rupees Forty One Lakh Thirty Nine Thousand Eight Hundred Forty Five and Thirty Seven Paisa Only) **due as on 08-07-2025**	**Date: 17-09-2025 Time: 01:30 PM Symbolic Possession**
	Description of the Property: All that piece and parcel of the immovable property comprising of Land and a Residential house bearing Site No.55/A-2-21, New Municipal No.21/3 Old Municipal No.55/2A and 21 allotted BBMP Pid No.64-1-21/3, Situated at 1st Cross, Gurrappanapalya Main Road, Bangalore (formerly known as Property No.55/1, Old No.55/2, and later No.55-A/2), Thavarekere, Dhakle, Guruva Bhov Palya, Begur Hobli, South Taluk) Bangalore at present comes under the Jurisdiction of BBMP limits, Bangalore, Ward No.170. Measuring East to West 50 Ft. and North to South 40 Ft. Totally measuring 2000 Sq.ft., and **Bounded on: East by:** Road, **West by:** Undergrounded Drain and property of Munichinnappa, **North by:** Property belongs to Mohammad Afroz, **South by:** Remaining Portion of the same property retained by R. Prakash, Measuring 30* 50 Ft.			
3	30198640001361 30199660003899 & 45349660003869	1) M/s. Seema Enterprises, Represented by its Proprietor **Mr. Syed Chand Pasha, 2) Mr. Syed Chand Pasha,** Proprietor of **M/s. Seema Enterprises, 3) Mrs. S Shabana Begum**	**10.07.2025, Rs.37,09,100.40** (Rupees Thirty Seven Lakh Nine Thousand One Hundred and Forty Paisa Only) **as on 08-07-2025**	**Date: 17-09-2025 Time: 02:10 PM Symbolic Possession**
	Description of the Property: All that piece and parcel of property bearing Eastern Portion of House on Site No.21, in Old No.56/3 and then No.111, situated at Byrasandra, Present Corporation No.21/8 situated at 2nd A cross, 8th Main Road, (Area in between RBI & Hutting Colony), Tank Bund Area, Byrasandra, 58th Division of Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, Bangalore. **Measuring:** East to West: 16 feet and North to South: 28 Feet. In Mtrs 4.87 X 8.53 in total 41.61 Sq.mtrs. and **Bounded on the: East by:** Property No.20, **West by:** Remaining portion of the property No.21 belongs to Mehaboobi, **South by:** Road, **North by:** C.I.T.B land.			
4	45359630000675 & 45359410000770	1) Mr. Chaluvaraju, 2) Mr. Chikkamma	**09.07.2025, Rs.8,02,429.99** (Rupees Eight Lakh Two Thousand Four Hundred Twenty Nine and Ninety Nine Paisa Only) **due as on 08-07-2025**	**Date: 18-09-2025 Time: 01:45 PM Symbolic Possession**
	Description of the Property: All that piece and parcel the for Property E-Khatha No.152900203800300175, Khanesumari No.167/177, measuring East to West 4.8766 meters and North to South 15.24 meters, Situated at Bijjahalli Village, Herindyapanahalli Gram Panchayath, Kanakapura Block, Ramanagara District and **Bounded on: East by:** House and Site belongs to Ningaiah, S/o. Siddaiah, **West by:** House belongs to Singraiah, S/o. Buddaiah, **North by:** Government Road, **South by:** Government Road.			
5	47059630001302 & 47059410000608	1) Mr. Girish H T, Also at: Birla RMC, 2) Mrs. Savithramma	**09.05.2025, Rs.6,14,174.25** (Rupees Six Lakh Fourteen Thousand One Hundred Seventy Four and Twenty Five Paisa Only) **due as on 05-05-2025**	**Date: 17-09-2025 Time: 11:55 AM Symbolic Possession**
	Description of the Property: All that piece and parcel for property Kaneshumari No.50/40, Measuring East to West: 9.1439 Meter, North to South: 9.1439 Meters, situated at Hanumanthanagar Village, Cheelur Gram Panchayath, Maralawadi Hobli, Kanakapura Taluk, Ramanagara District and **Bounded on: East by:** House Belongs to Jayamma, **West by:** Property belongs to Shivamma, **North by:** Road, **South by:** Property belongs to Kempamma.			
6	47059630000210 & 47059410000137	1) Mr. Durgaprasad M C, 2) Mrs. Parvathamma M	**09.07.2025, Rs.4,56,160.94** (Rupees Four Lakh Fifty Six Thousand One Hundred Sixty and Ninety Four Paisa Only) **due as on 08-07-2025**	**Date: 18-09-2025 Time: 01:20 PM Symbolic Possession**
	Description of the Property: All that piece and parcel of the property bearing E-Khatha No.152900203901820228, Khaneshumari No.285/198/C, measuring East to West 7.9248 Meter and North to South 12.8016 Meter, Situated at Hosa Durga Village, Hosa Durga Grama Panchayath, Kanakapura Block, Ramanagara District and **Bounded on: East by:** House belongs to Nagaraju, **West by:** Road and House belongs to Chethan Kumar, **North by:** House belongs to Munimaregowda @ Nagaraju, **South by:** House belongs to Manjunatha.			
7	47469430002140	1) Mr. Madhu Kumar, 2) Mrs. Lakshmi	**15.07.2025, Rs.4,76,599.76** (Rupees Four Lakh Seventy Six Thousand Five Hundred Ninety Nine and Seventy Six Paisa Only) **due as on 13-07-2025**	**Date: 18-09-2025 Time: 04:50 PM Symbolic Possession**
	Description of the Property: All that piece and parcel of the immovable residential property bearing Katha No.3/2/2/3, Situated at Rampuradoddi Village, Kasaba Hobli, Ramanagara Taluk, Ramanagara District, Presently comes under the limits of Mayaganahalli Village Panchayath, and **Bounded by the: East by:** Chikkaswamy, **West by:** Chikanna, **North by:** Nitagaiah, **South by:** Road. Measuring East to West 45 feet North to South 90 feet. total 4050 sq.feet.			
8	47059630000516	1) Mr. Raju, 2) Mrs. Sowjanya R	**10.07.2025, Rs.4,11,630.76** (Rupees Four Lakh Eleven Thousand Six Hundred Thirty and Seventy Six Paisa Only) **due as on 08-07-2025**	**Date: 18-09-2025 Time: 10:30 AM Symbolic Possession**
	Description of the Property: All that piece and parcel the for Property E Khatha No.15290020041400124, Khaneshumari No.35/27/1, measuring East to West 6.095 meters and North to South 18.288 meters, situated at Gullahattikaval Village, Kaggalahalli Gram Panchayath, Kanakapura Block, Ramanagara District and **Bounded on: To the East:** Rajabeedi, **To the West:** Remaining Own Property, **To the North:** House belongs to Shivalingaiah, **To the South:** Rajabeedi.			
9	45359430000951	1) Mr. Syed Sadiq S, 2) M/s. Sadath Plying Machine, 3) Mrs. Shabreen Fathima	**10.07.2025, Rs.20,18,113.90** (Rupees Twenty Lakh Eighteen Thousand One Hundred Thirteen and Ninety Paisa Only) **due as on 08-07-2025**	**Date: 18-09-2025 Time: 02:30 PM Symbolic Possession**
	Description of the Property: All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing TMC Khatha No.2064/1421, situated at Jabbar Sab Street, Maseedi Road, 3rd Ward, Kanakpura Town and **Bounded by the: East by:** House of Sri Salar Sab, **West by:** House of Sri Ibrahim Sab, **North by:** TMC Road & **South by:** House of Sri Ameerju. Measuring East to West 30 Feet & North to South 44 Feet.			

Whereas, the Borrowers/ Co-borrowers/ Guarantors/ Mortgagors, mentioned herein above have failed to repay the amounts due, notice is hereby is given to the Borrowers mentioned herein above in particular and to the Public in general that the authorized officer of **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited** has **taken possession** of the properties/ secured assets described herein above in exercise of powers conferred on him under section 13 (4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the dates mentioned above. The Borrowers/ Co-borrowers/ Guarantors/ Mortgagors, mentioned herein above in particular and the Public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the aforesaid properties/ Secured Assets and any dealings with the said properties/ Secured Assets will be subject to the charge of **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited.**

Place: Bangalore & Bangalore Rural | **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Date: 22.09.2025 | **For. Jana Small Finance Bank Limited**

JANA SMALL FINANCE BANK (A Scheduled Commercial Bank)
Registered Office: The Fairway, Ground & First Floor, Survey No.10/1, 11/2 & 12/2B, Off Domlur, Koramangla Inner Ring Road, Next to EGL Business Park, Challaghatta, Bangalore-560071.

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LIC HFL LIC HOUSING FINANCE LTD

LIC HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED

BACK OFFICE, 1ST FLOOR, LIC JEEVAN MANGAL , HAYES ROAD, RESIDENCY RD, BENGALURU, KARNATAKA 560025

E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE

WHEREAS the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of LIC Housing Finance Ltd (LIC HFL), under Securitization & Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 & in exercise of powers conferred under section 13 (2) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 had issued Demand Notice to following Borrowers/Mortgagors/Guarantors calling upon them to repay the outstanding due amount mentioned in the said notices. However, The Borrowers/Mortgagors/Guarantors having failed to repay the said due amount, the undersigned has taken **SYMBOLIC POSSESSION (S)** in exercise of powers conferred U/s 13(4) and U/s 14 of the said Act read with the Rule 8. This notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s)/Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property have been mortgaged to the LIC HFL, the possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of LIC HFL will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" & without any recourse basis on Date of auction, as per the brief particulars given here under.

Name of Borrower/s- MR. JAGADISH S & Ms. SUMATHI N
Loan No – 410400007431

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY : All that piece and parcel of Immovable Residential Property bearing Site No.2, Situated in converted Sy No.51 of Shettihalli Village, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, now presently comes under the jurisdiction of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike limits, measuring East to West 64 Feet and North to South 73 Feet, totally measuring 4672 Square Feet and bounded on: East by : 30 Feet Wide Road, West by: Property bearing Sy No. 50, North by: 50 Feet Wide Road, South by : Site No.5 And
All that piece and parcel of Immovable Residential Property bearing Site No.5, Khatha No.1/05, Situated in converted Sy No.51 of Shettihalli Vilage, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, now presently comes under the jurisdiction of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike limits, measuring East to West 70 Feet and North to South 35 Feet, totally measuring 2450 Square Feet and bounded on:
East by : 30 Feet Wide Road, West by: Property bearing Sy No.50 belonging to Mr. S. Jagadish North by: Remaining 7 Guntas of Land in Sy No.51 South by: Site No.4

Date of Demand Notice	20/10/2022
Amt Demanded	Rs.39963412 with further Interest, Cost and Expenses
Account Details	Beneficiary Name: LIC Housing Finance LTD HDFC BANK KASTURA GANDHI MARG BENGALURU, Virtual Account Number: LHFLBA410400007431 IFSC Code : HDFC0000009
Date of Possession	Symbolic Possession on 06/03/2023
Reserve Price	Rs.5,46,25,000/- (Rupees Five Crore Fourty -six lakhs twenty-five thousand only)
EMD	Rs. 54,62,500 /- (Rupees Fifty-four lakhs sixty-two thousand and five hundred only)
Total Amount payable as on date	Rs.59,679,547.00 /- (Rupees Five crore ninety-six lakhs seventy-nine thousand five hundred forty-seven only)
Website of E-Auction	https://online.lichousing.com/eauction/ & https://www.auctionbazaar.com/
Date & time of Inspection of Photocopies of property documents	18 October 2025 & 10:30AM to 3:00PM
Address where property documents can be inspected	BACK OFFICE, 1ST FLOOR, LIC JEEVAN MANGAL, HAYES ROAD, RESIDENCY RD, BENGALURU, KARNATAKA 560025
Inspection of the Property Date for inspection and time	21 October 2025 & 10:30AM to 1:00PM
Contact person	Mr. A S R PHANINDRA, Associate Chief Manager, Mob No.: 8008177199
Contact details of E-Auction from the service provider	Mr. Abdul, M/s. Arca Emart Pvt Ltd, Mob No.: 7799510999, email id: - contact@auctionbazaar.com
Last date of submission of Online Tender / Bid	23 October 2025 till 3.00 PM
E Auction Date & Time	24 October 2025 & 11 AM to 3.00 PM

Further to this PUBLIC NOTICE for E-Auction Sale of the above said Assets / properties (in terms and conditions of the SARFAESI, Act 2002 and rules thereunder) LICHFL invites OFFERS through online mode only to purchase the said property as per the following Terms and Conditions as mentioned below: **1.** E-Auction Sale is being held on **'As is where is Basis is' and 'As is what is Basis', 'whatever there is Basis' And 'Without Any Recourse Basis'** and will be conducted "Online". The E-Auction will be conducted through LIC HFL approved E-auction service provider – **https://www.auctionbazaar.com/ 2.** To the best of the knowledge and information of the Authorized Officer, no other encumbrance exists on the mortgaged property, except as disclosed in the publications. However, the interested Bidders to conduct their own independent due diligence verifications regarding the Location and Identity of the property, Inspection of Public records in the Sub Registrars' Offices/Civil Courts, to find any encumbrances, statutory liabilities, arrears of property tax, Income Tax, Excise Duty, Labour Dues, electricity, and maintenance dues, etc., of the Secured Asset. The Successful bidders shall have to bear all outgoing i.e., municipal taxes, maintenance/society charges, electricity charges, water charges, stamp duty, registration charges, (if applicable), if any and all other incidentals charges, cost including all outgoing relating to the respective properties over and above the Reserve Price. LICHFL will not be held responsible for any charge, lien, liabilities, etc., of whatsoever nature pending upon the properties as mentioned above. **3.** The intending bidders should register their names at portal "website of E-auction service provider" as mentioned in the auction sale notice (as published in newspaper advertisement). **4.** The E-auction Sale is subject to the conditions prescribed in the SARFAESI Act/Rules 2002 and the terms and conditions mentioned hereunder/ website also subject to conditions in the offer/bid documents to be submitted by the intending/participating bidders. **5.** Every bidder is required to have his/her own email address in order to participate in the online E-auction. Once Intending Bidder formally registers as a qualified tenderer before Authorized Officer of LICHFL, will have to express his/her interest to participate through the E-auction bidding platform, by submitting documents. It shall be the tenderer's/online bidder's sole responsibility to procure his/her login ID and password from the E-auction service provider. **6.** The aforesaid properties shall not be sold below the Reserve Price mentioned above. **7.** If the successful bidder defaults in effecting payments or fails to adhere to the terms and condition of E-Auction in any manner the amount already deposited will be forfeited and he/she shall not have any claim as such for forfeited amount. **8.** The offer/s along with the aforesaid Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) can be submitted "online" through the portal e.g., **"www.auctionbazaar.com"** along with the EMD and scanned copy of KYC documents including PAN Card & (Aadhar Card) address proof, to the service provider, mentioned above on or before the Bid Submission due date & time as per other details of Auction above. Authorised Officer is not bound to accept highest offer made by the bidder if not acceptable to the secured creditor. **9.** Every Bidder shall deposit EMD before participating in E—Auction. The said Deposit/s shall be adjusted in the case of successful bidder/s, otherwise refunded. The said earnest money deposit/s will not carry any interest. **10.** Initial Bidding increment is **Rs.25000/-.** However, Authorised Officer will state bidding increment amount percentage for each property if, decided otherwise. **11.** The successful bidder/s shall deposit 25% of the amount of sale price, adjusting the EMD paid already, within 24 hours of bid acceptance by the Authorized officer/next working day before close of cash hours, in respect of the sale, failing which the earnest money deposited shall be forfeited. The balance 75% of the sale price is payable within 15 days from the date of confirmation of the sale unless decided otherwise by Authorised Officer in writing, the maximum period allowed is 90 days, beyond which time-period cannot be extended. In case of failure to deposit the balance amount within the prescribed period, the amount deposited shall be forfeited. The Authorized Officer shall not be required to give any further notice of forfeiture to the successful bidder. **12.** The successful bidder should bear the charges/fees payable on sale certificate, such as registration fees, stamp duty, taxes, or any other duties payable for getting the secured asset transferred in his/her name. **13.** The Sale Certificate will be issued only in the name of the successful bidder and only after receipt of the entire sale price. **14.** The notice is hereby given to the Borrower/s, Mortgagor/s and Guarantor/s that they can bring the intending buyer/purchaser for purchasing the properties mentioned above, as per the terms and Conditions of the E-Auction Sale. **15.** Inspection of the photocopies of documents and Property Inspection of the above said properties can be done on the dates stated in the advertisement. Interested bidders shall contact the designated official as per the other details of E-Auction mentioned above. All conveyance and other expenses related to Inspection of the property/document copies shall be borne by the interested bidders. **16.** The LIC Housing Finance Limited reserves the right to CANCEL / ACCEPT / REJECT / ALTER / MODIFY / POSTPONE the AUCTION without giving any reason whatsoever or prior Notice. **17.** The sale is subject to confirmation by the Secured Creditor, viz., LIC Housing Finance Ltd.

Place : Bangalore
Date : 22.09.2025

Sd/- Authorized Officer
L.I.C Housing Finance Ltd, Bangalore

11 crew rescued from French fishing vessel off Spain's northwest coast

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LR: Light Rain • HR: Heavy Rain • LS: Light Snow • TDS: Thundershower • LC: Light Cloud • SNY: Sunny

Beijing	29	19	SNY	Los Angeles	32	19	SNY
Colombo	29	25	TDS	Melbourne	17	5	LC
Dhaka	33	25	TDS	Moscow	28	13	SNY
Dubai	44	28	SNY	New York	26	15	SNY
Houston	30	23	TDS	Singapore	32	25	TDS
Istanbul	33	21	SNY	Toronto	23	13	SNY
London	20	13	SNY	Washington	26	14	SNY

UK, Aus, Canada recognise Palestinian state

Netanyahu slams move as 'prize' for Hamas, insisting Palestinian state will not be established west of Jordan River

LONDON

THE UK, Australia and Canada formally recognised a Palestinian state on Sunday, prompting an angry response from Israel, which ruled out the prospect. The coordinated initiative from the three Commonwealth nations and long-time allies of Israel reflects growing outrage at Israel's conduct of the war in Gaza and the steps taken by the Israeli government to thwart any efforts to create a Palestinian state, including by the continued expansion of settlements in the West Bank.

British Prime Minister Keir Starmer, who has faced pressure to take a harder line on Israel within his own governing Labour Party over the deteriorating situation in Gaza, said the UK's move is intended "to revive the hope of peace for the Palestinians and Israelis," while insisting that it wasn't a reward for Hamas, which was behind the atrocities on October 7, 2023 that led to some 1,200 people, mostly civilians, being killed and abduction of another 250 or so.

"Today, to revive the hope of peace and a two-state solution, I state clearly as prime minister of this great country that the United Kingdom formally recognizes the state of Palestine," Starmer said in a video message. "We recognised the state of Israel more than 75 years ago as a homeland for the Jewish people. Today we join over 150 countries who recognize a Palestinian state also. A pledge to the Palestinian and Israeli people that there can be a better future."

The announcement was widely anticipated after Starmer said in July that the U.K. would recognize a Palestinian state unless Israel agreed to a ceasefire in Gaza, allowed the U.N. to bring in aid and took other steps toward long-term peace. More countries are expected to join the list recognising a Palestinian state at the UN General Assembly this week, including France, which like the UK, is one of the five permanent members of the Security Council.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu blasted the three countries for proferring a "prize" to Hamas. "It will not happen," he said. "A Palestinian state will not be established west of the Jordan River."

Netanyahu is set to give a speech to the General Assembly on Friday before heading to see US President Donald Trump at the White House Monday week. Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese said that the three announcements on Sunday were "part of a coordinated international effort to build new momentum for a two-state solution." *AP*

Displaced Palestinians flee northern Gaza along the coastal road, while Israeli tanks are stationed near the Gaza border in southern Israel | AP

French mayors defy orders, raises Palestinian flags

PARIS: Some French mayors have defied government orders and flown Palestinian flags on town halls, with more expected to follow suit as France prepares to formally recognise a Palestinian state at the United Nations General Assembly. It's unclear how many cities will join Monday's initiative after Socialist leader Olivier Faure urged flying Palestinian flags, despite Interior Ministry warnings; the call gains momentum as flags become increasingly visible across France during the nearly two-year Gaza war.

Israel kills over 40 in Gaza, Lebanon ahead of UN meeting on Palestine

CAIRO

ISRAELI strikes in Gaza City and at a refugee camp killed more than 40 people, including 19 women and children, health officials said on Sunday, as several European countries and leading US allies moved to recognise a Palestinian state.

Health officials at Shifa Hospital, where most of the bodies were brought, said the dead included 14 people killed in a strike late on Saturday which hit a residential block in the southern side of the city. Health staff said a nurse who worked at the hospital was among the dead, along with his wife and three children. Another strike that targeted a group of people in front of a clinic in the Bureij refugee camp in central Gaza killed at least eight Palestinians, according to the Al-Awda Hospital. The dead include four children and two women, the hospital said. Another 22 people were wounded, it said.

Israel did not comment on the strikes. Meanwhile, in Lebanon, the Health Ministry said Sunday that an Israeli drone strike in the southern city of Bint Jbeil killed five people, among them three children, and two others were wounded. No further details were given.

The Israeli military did not immediately comment on the incident. Since Hezbollah and Israel's monthslong war ended in a US-brokered ceasefire in November, Israel has struck southern Lebanon almost daily in what they say are attacks to target the Lebanese militant group. The Lebanese government has said that these strikes violate the ceasefire and hampers their efforts to gradually disarm the group.

The military said Sunday it killed Majed Abu Selmiya, a Hamas sniper allegedly planning further attacks in Gaza City, without providing evidence. *AP*

Taliban govt rejects Don's call to retake Bagram Air Base

JALALABAD

THE Taliban government on Sunday rejected US President Donald Trump's bid to retake Bagram Air Base, four years after America's chaotic withdrawal from Afghanistan left the sprawling military facility in the Taliban's hands.

Trump on Saturday renewed his call to reestablish a US presence at Bagram, even saying "we're talking now to Afghanistan" about the matter. He did not offer further details about the purported conversations. Asked by a reporter if he'd consider deploying US troops to take the base, Trump demurred.

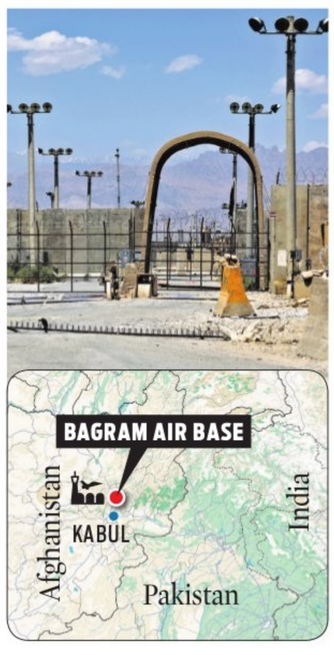
"We won't talk about that," Trump said. "We want it back, and we want it back right away. If they don't do it, you're going to find out what I'm going to do." On Sunday, chief Taliban spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid rejected Trump's assertions and urged the U.S. to adopt a policy of "realism and rationality." Afghanistan had an economy-oriented foreign policy and sought constructive relations with all states on the basis of mutual and shared interests, Mujahid posted on X.

It had been consistently communicated to the US in all bilateral negotiations that Afghanistan's independence and territorial integrity were of the utmost importance, he said.

"It should be recalled that, under the Doha Agreement, the United States pledged that 'it will not use or threaten force against the territorial integrity or political independence of Afghanistan, nor interfere in its internal affairs,'" he said. The US needed to remain faithful to its commitments, he added.

Mujahid did not reply to questions from The Associated Press about conversations with the Trump administration regarding Bagram and why Trump believed the US could retake it.

Earlier Sunday, the chief of staff at the Defense Ministry, Fasihuddin Fitrat, addressed Trump's comments. "Ceding even an inch of our soil to anyone is out of the question and impossible," he said during a speech broadcast by Afghan media. During his UK visit, Trump hinted the Taliban might allow a US military return amid ongoing crises. *AP*



Gate at the Bagram Air Base in Afghanistan| AP

US lawmakers seek military dialogue amid trade, Taiwan tensions in China

BANGKOK

A bipartisan group of US lawmakers pushed for more military-to-military dialogue in a meeting on Sunday with China's Premier Li Qiang, a rare congressional visit since the US-China relations soured.

The last trip by a group of senators was in 2023, and Sunday's delegation was the first from the House of Representatives to visit Beijing since 2019. Li welcomed the delegates led by Rep. Adam Smith and called it an "icebreaking trip that will further the ties between the two countries."

"It is important for our two countries to have more exchanges and cooperation, this is not only good for our two countries but also of great significance to the world," Li said. Smith, a Democrat on the House Armed Services Committee, said both sides were in agreement on the overarching aim of the visit.

US delegation at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing | AP

"Certainly, trade and economy is on the top of the list ... (but also) we're very focused on our military-to-military conversations," he said in opening remarks. "As a member of the Armed Services Committee, I'm deeply concerned that our two militaries don't communicate more."

The delegation also included Michael Baumgartner, a Republican member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, as well as Ro Khanna and Chrissy Houlahan, both Democrats on the House Armed Services Committee. The lawmakers are in China until Thursday.

US-China relations have taken a downturn since President Donald Trump's first term and have been hobbled by trade tensions, the status of the self-ruled island of Taiwan, which China claims as its own territory, Beijing's support for Russia and China's vast claims in the disputed South China Sea.

"China and the US are the two most powerful and influential countries in the world, it's really important that we get along, and we find a way to peacefully coexist in the world," Smith said. *AP*

ASIA MATTERS

SINGAPORE

BULK ORDER SCAM: THREE ARRESTED

Three individuals have been arrested in connection with the recent fake bulk order scams, where perpetrators impersonated Singapore Armed Forces (SAF) personnel, The Straits Times reported. According to the police, early investigations suggest the trio acted on instructions from a scam syndicate. A bulk order scam involves fraudsters placing large, unpaid orders, impersonating organisations like SAF, leaving businesses with uncollected goods generating financial losses. In this case, the loss exceeded $32,000.

MALAYSIA

RESERVE FOREST TRESPASSERS HELD

A joint operation by the police and the Selangor Forestry Department led to the detention of 75 individuals for trespassing in the Ayer Itam forest reserve, Malaysia Star reported. The operation targeted those who entered the Permanent Reserved Forest without the necessary permit, violating the National Forestry Act 1984.

THAILAND

BORDER WITH CAMBODIA TO REMAIN SHUT

Thailand will keep its border with Cambodia closed as long as Cambodian civilians continue to provoke tensions on Thai soil, *The Bangkok Post* reported quoting Prime Minister Anutin Charnvirakul. Speaking during a visit to the northeastern province, Anutin addressed recent violent protests in Sa Kaeo, where Cambodian civilians have been asserting territorial claims, supported by soldiers behind them. He said there would be no negotiations while such provocations persist. "The border will remain closed, and control measures may be further intensified," he said.

Trump ends govt's annual report on hunger in US

WASHINGTON

THE Trump administration is ending the federal government's annual report on hunger in America, stating that it had become "overly politicised and rife with inaccuracies."

The decision comes two and a half months after President Donald Trump signed legislation sharply reducing food aid to the poor. The Congressional Budget Office has estimated that the tax and spending cuts bill Republicans muscled through Congress in July means 3 million people would not qualify for food stamps, also known as SNAP benefits.

The decision to scrap the US Department of Agriculture's Household Food Security Report was first reported by *The Wall Street Journal*. In a press release Saturday, the USDA said the 2024 report, to be released October 22, would be the last.

"The questions used to collect the data are entirely subjective and do not present an accurate picture of actual food security," the USDA said. "The data is rife with inaccuracies slanted to create a narrative that is not representative of what is actually happening in the countryside as we are currently experiencing lower poverty rates, increasing wages, and job growth. *AP*

Trump, MAGA leaders honour slain Charlie Kirk

GLENDALE

DONALD Trump and prominent members of his "Make America Great Again" movement were paying tribute Sunday to conservative activist Charlie Kirk, whose slaying has marked a signal moment in America's fraught political atmosphere.

The memorial service for Kirk, whom Trump credits with playing a pivotal role in his 2024 election victory, is expected to draw tens of thousands of mourners, including Vice President JD Vance, senior White House officials and young conservatives shaped by the 31-year-old firebrand. "We're going to celebrate the life of a great man today," Trump told reporters as he left the White House on Sunday morning to make his way to Arizona for the service. "It will be a tough day." Kirk's September 10 assassination at a Utah college sparks debate on violence, decency, and free speech amid deep political division. *AP*

Russia-Ukraine cross-border attacks kill 3 as Zelenskyy prepares to meet Trump

KYIV

UKRAINIAN attacks on Russia's Belgorod border region killed two civilians while Russian shelling of eastern Ukraine left a man dead, officials said on Sunday.

Vyacheslav Gladkov, the governor of Belgorod, wrote on the Telegram messaging app that a woman was killed when shelling struck a private home in the border town of Shebekino, while a man died in a drone strike on the village of Rakitnoe.

The Belgorod region, which borders Ukraine, has faced frequent cross-border attacks since Moscow launched its full-scale invasion of Ukraine in February 2022.

In Ukraine, a man was killed and residential buildings and infrastructure were damaged by Russian shelling in Kostiantynivka in the Donetsk region, Serhii Horbunov, head of the city's military administration, said Sunday.

The latest round of attacks came after Russia launched a large-scale missile and drone attack targeting regions across Ukraine on Saturday, killing at least three people and wounding dozens. Russia launched 619 drones and missiles during the attack, Ukraine's air force said. Writing on social media site X on Sunday, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said Ukraine had been targeted by "more than 1,500 strike drones, over 1,280 guided aerial bombs, and 50 missiles of various types" over the previous week.

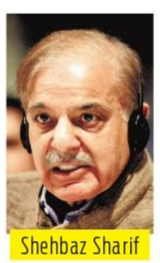
Zelenskyy expects to meet US President Donald Trump on the sidelines of the United Nations General Assembly this week, where he has said he hopes to gauge how close Ukraine and its partners are to finalizing long-term security guarantees. *AP*

Policemen carry an injured person from a residential house damaged by a Russian strike on Dnipro, Ukraine on Sunday | AP

Sharif to meet Trump along with select Muslim leaders on sidelines of UNGA session

ISLAMABAD

PAKISTAN Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif would meet US President Donald Trump along with a select group of Muslim leaders on the sidelines of the UN General Assembly annual session, it was announced on Sunday.



Shehbaz Sharif

The prime minister will undertake a visit to the US from September 22-26 with a delegation to attend the 80th Session of the UNGA in New York. "The Prime Minister will also participate in a meeting of select Islamic leaders with US President Trump to exchange views on issues pertaining to regional and international peace and security," Foreign Office (FO) said in a statement here. In his address to the General Assembly, Prime Minister Sharif will urge the international community to resolve the 'prolonged' issues, the FO said.

Sharif will, in particular, draw the attention of the international community towards the grave crisis in Gaza, and call for decisive action to end the suffering of the Palestinians. He will also highlight Pakistan's perspective on the regional security situation, as well as other issues of international concern, including climate change, terrorism, Islamophobia, and sustainable development.

The prime minister will attend several high-level events on the sidelines of the UNGA Session, including important meetings of the UN Security Council, High-Level Meeting of the Global Development Initiative (GDI), and a Special High-Level Event on Climate Action, among others. *PTI*

EXPRESS READ

Cyberattack: Europe airports recovering

Brussels: European airports were starting to recover on Sunday from a cyberattack affecting their check-in systems that has caused flight cancellations and huge delays over the past two days. While Brussels airport said almost one-fifth of Sunday's scheduled departures had been cancelled, other affected hubs said their schedules were getting back to normal.London Heathrow and Dublin airports said they were managing passenger flows while they tried to fix the problem with the software.

₹7,500 CR worth of initial public offers to hit Dalal Street this week, with 9 companies debuting on the exchanges

Will Golden Visa benefit Indian HNIs?

Entrepreneurs, biz aiming to tap US market can now set up operations more easily in that country, say experts

PUSHPITA DEY @ New Delhi

US President Donald Trump's latest immigration initiative, Golden Visa, unveiled on September 19, could ease the path for Indian corporates and high networth individuals to settle in the US despite criticism that it is a pro-rich policy, say legal experts. Entrepreneurs and businesses aiming to tap the US market can now set up operations more easily in that country.

"For businesses, it provides flexibility to bring in top talent more easily. The US Treasury benefits directly, with billions raised for debt reduction. It also promises exclusivity, prestige, and even tax advantages for high-value applicants," said Alay Razvi, Managing Partner, Accord Juris.

Currently, US investor immigration is governed by the EB-5 visa programme, codified under the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA). The EB-5 programme sets strict requirements: a minimum investment, job-creation thresholds, and project eligibility, all subject to oversight by the US Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS).

At the core of Trump's initiative is the "Trump Gold Card," offering high networth individuals a fast-tracked path to permanent residency. Applicants must pay $1 million, along with a $15,000 vetting fee. Trump also introduced the "Trump Corporate Gold Card," priced at $2 million, which allows companies hiring foreign employees to obtain expedited approvals. These corporate cards require an annual maintenance fee and undergo the same vetting and application process as individual cards, with the added flexibility for firms to apply for multiple cards.

For the ultra-wealthy, a premium option—the "Trump Platinum Card"—has been launched at $5 million. This tier grants up to 270 days of US residency annually without tax liability on overseas income.

"It is quite straightforward compared to EB-5, which is another route to obtaining a visa. This is less stringent in terms of requirements. It is also very flexible for corporations and, obviously, it attracts a lot of investment," said Sameer Tapia, founder & senior partner, ALMT Legal.

Several other countries, including Greece, Portugal, and the UAE previously introduced similar golden visa schemes. Tapia explained that such programmes are typically used by countries to attract both capital and talent.

The corporate card allows companies to sponsor an employee and even transfer that sponsorship to another person without paying a new fee. Under the scheme, firms are required to commit an investment of $2 million for each employee they sponsor. "For India's rising class of entrepreneurs and global investors, this programme represents not just a visa, but a bridge to world-class education for their children, business opportunities in the world's largest consumer market, and a sense of security in an increasingly unpredictable world," said Jahnavi Kohli, Partner, ANB Legal.

IN CONVERSATION

SOFIA HÖGMAN
Trade Commissioner of Sweden to India

'Strong commitment from Sweden side to further invest in India'

WITH India and the European Union aiming to conclude negotiations on a free trade agreement (FTA) by the end of the year, Sweden is positioning the India-EU FTA as the "anchor" for bilateral ties in an increasingly volatile geopolitical environment. A recent visit by Swedish officials explored partnerships across sectors—from renewable energy to pharmaceuticals—during a four-day trip to India. In an interview with **Pushpita Dey**, **Sofia Högman**, Trade Commissioner of Sweden to India, spoke about how Sweden plans to strengthen its partnership with India. Edited **excerpts**:

For EU FTA with India, negotiations are going on. What sort of target has Sweden set for itself after India-EU FTA?
The history between India and Sweden is very long. It goes back to 1903 when Ericsson was first established in India. With regard to foreign trade agreements and role we play as Trade Council, we were happy to welcome minister (Piyush) Goyal during his visit to Sweden in June this year, where of course the talks centred around FTA negotiations. We are hopeful these negotiations will conclude by the end of this year. The EU-India FTA proposal was made a decade ago, and now we are seeing it nearing conclusion.

As a close partner of India in these negotiations, what, in your view, were the key sticking points? What suggestions did you make to overcome those challenges?
When we talk about trade between Sweden and India, there are many complementary strengths between our two countries. So, we are hopeful that this agreement

will happen within this year. We are also glad that, after a few months of stalled negotiations, talks are picking up again. That gives us reason to remain optimistic.

Are you focusing on any particular sectors or domains?
Business Sweden is focusing on the wide range of opportunities in the Indian market for Swedish companies. What we look at is where Swedish innovation and strengths can complement India's growth story. Sectors of interest for Swedish companies include industrial manufacturing, retail, life sciences, telecommunications, defence, and automotive.

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Amid ongoing geopolitical tensions and global trade uncertainties, how do you view the trajectory of India–Sweden trade relations and negotiations?
I believe India and Sweden share important foundations—democracy, innovation, sustainability, and trade. These shared values make discussions easier. We also have a long-term trust that goes back to 1903, when Ericsson established itself in India. That legacy still matters today. CBAM has been one of the major roadblocks in terms of the EU FTA negotiations. How do you balance your country's sustainability and environmental parameters

with the gaps that exist in India vis-à-vis the European Union's environmental standards?
I think all of these issues are being actively discussed in the negotiations. It is important that we find a good, mutually acceptable agreement together.

What further investment plans does Sweden have for India in the coming years?
There is a strong commitment from Sweden's side to further invest in India and to help more Swedish companies enter the Indian market. From Business Sweden's side, we are ramping up our presence with more consultants, more offices, and new initiatives. Our role is to identify opportunities for Swedish companies across different sectors.

The way India is growing right now, there are multiple opportunities—in areas ranging from manufacturing to sustainability. For example, in the ports industry, India plans to electrify 50% of its ports in the coming years. These are areas where Swedish expertise can play a significant role.

MONEY-WISE

FINANCIAL LIES WE TELL OUR CHILDREN

FINANCIAL ADVICE

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THERE are several misconceptions or "lies" about money and investing that parents often pass on to children, either directly or through everyday phrases. These can shape limiting beliefs about wealth-building, risk, and financial decision making. Many parents may have seen their parents struggle to make ends meet or supporting their siblings and parents.

Drawing from various conversation sources, here are some of the most frequently mentioned ones, focused on those with an investment or broader financial angle:

- **Making money is hard**

This phrase instils the idea that earning wealth needs a lot of effort and is scarce, which can discourage entrepreneurial thinking or smart investing. They tell you things like 'we are successful only in service' – showing risk averse behaviour. In reality, building wealth involves creativity, leveraging opportunities, and compounding returns rather than hard work.

- **Start investing**

Many parents imply or teach that investing is only for the wealthy, requiring large sums upfront. However, this overlooks accessible options like mutual fund SIP, low-minimum MFs, or apps that allow starting with small amounts, emphasising that consistency and time in the market matter more. Other than some shares like MRF, LMW, etc, buying one share may involve a payment of a few thousand rupees.

- **Investing is only for experts**

This myth suggests stock markets, MFs, or other investments are reserved for professionals, scaring kids away from learning basics. With resources like index funds, ETF, passive funds, and educational tools, anyone can start with simple, low-risk strategies.

- **Money is root of all evil**

Often misquoted from religious texts, this teaches that pursuing financial growth leads to moral corruption. In fact, money amplifies one's character—investing can fund positive impacts like philanthropy or security, not cause harm. At least in India where 'Goddess of Wealth' is celebrated in Indian homes. We do Lakshmi pooja, Kubera Pooja, etc. According to Ayn Rand, 'Wealth is the root cause of all good'.

- **Permanent scarcity**

Used to deny wants, this can create a mindset of financial limitation, extending to avoiding investments due to perceived unaffordability. It ignores budgeting, prioritisation, and how small investments can grow over time through compounding. The question to ask should be 'what can I do to afford it'?

- **Hard work alone guarantees financial success**

Parents often emphasise "work hard for money," but this downplays role of strategic investing, passive income, net-working, or economic factors. Many hardworking people stay broke without financial education, while smart investors can build wealth with less direct effort.

- **Discouraging paid investments**

This belief can extend to avoiding fees in investing (e.g., shunning managed funds), but low-cost or "free" options aren't always optimal—paying for quality advice or tools can yield higher returns.

MONEY MATTERS

HOW TO PRESERVE AND GROW WEALTH LIKE RICH

FINANCIAL KNOWLEDGE

RAJAS KELKAR
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THERE was a time when investing was considered the exclusive domain of the wealthy. Few knew about innovative ways to put their money to work, and even fewer acted on those clever ideas. Over the past decade, India has witnessed a rapid democratisation of financial services.

There has been a significant inroad made into adding new investors to the banking and stock market systems. The last mile connectivity is at a level unthinkable twenty years ago. Using smartphones with a Unified Payment Interface (UPI) facility enabled, those in the financial services sector in the Indian market have a chance to reach 500 million or 50 crore people directly. Currently, the number of active clients on the National Stock Exchange is 4.2 crore, while the number of unique investors through mutual funds is only 5.5 crore. That is according to the latest draft IPO filings with the Securities and Exchange Board of India by Groww, a digital stockbroking and financial products distribution company.

There is very little or no excuse for any individual making an honourable income not to save and not invest. There can be no complaint that saving and investing are only for the rich. If you have a monthly income and manage to save even ₹500 per month, you can put it to work and create a moat for your fortress. A primary task is to save more money than spend. Any further conversation on investing is possible only if you can save every month. The Securities and Exchange Board of India has eased rules to ensure that you can plan your finances better than ever before.

Earlier this month, Sebi allowed Real-Estate Investment Trusts and Investment Trust Funds to be categorised as 'equity'. A small change like that opens up immense possibilities for your money. You can now deploy your savings into the real estate sector and get capital gains tax benefits like those applicable to equity assets. Mutual funds already have multi-asset funds. There is a growing interest, which is further boosted by this change. If you are risk-averse and do not wish to put all your savings into a particular asset

class, you have more power to diversify your risk now.

The wealthy follow the practice of alternative investments, which they do through alternative investment funds (AIFs). Such funds provide access to non-traditional asset classes, including unlisted equity, private equity, venture capital, real estate, and infrastructure assets, thereby enabling portfolio diversification. Over the past decade, the market has witnessed a significant expansion in these investments. As of March 2025, ₹5.6 lakh crore is invested in 1,526 AIFs registered with Sebi. That number was just ₹9500 crore in March 2015, managed by 135 registered funds, according to the Groww IPOdocument.

For a long time, there was no other category between mutual funds and AIFs. Sebi has now created a specialised investment Fund (SIF) as a new category to boost wealth management among the middle classes. The minimum threshold is now ₹10 lakh in investments.

That means you need Rs 10 lakh surplus cash to start managing money like the rich. With artificial intelligence and data science, wealth advisory firms can now create a customised portfolio for your needs. The most critical aspect is understanding the market risk.

The primary target for anyone starting to invest should be to create an investment portfolio of ₹10 lakh. That is possible through regular investments made through mutual funds or directly. Once you reach that limit, you can hire a wealth advisor who can then manage it according to your needs. Just like the rich, you can not only protect your wealth but also look for growth in alternative asset classes.

AHPI, Star Health to restore cashless services at hospitals

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Chennai

THE Association of Healthcare Providers of India (AHPI) and Star Health and Allied Insurance Co. Ltd. (Star Health) on Sunday announced after extensive discussions they have mutually decided to restore cashless services at AHPI member hospitals effective October 10.

It was agreed that the parties will make efforts to ensure other outstanding issues including tariff revisions are resolved by October 31, a joint statement said. To prevent similar incidents in future and to protect customer interests, AHPI will help form a group of industry leaders who will collaborate with key insurers to reach industry level agreement.

This decision has been taken in the best interest of patients and policyholders, ensuring that they continue to receive timely, hassle-free access to healthcare services.With this, the earlier AHPI advisory to member hospitals to stop cashless services from September 22, 2025 will be revoked, ensuring continuity of patient services on a cashless basis.

Dr Girdhar Gyani, director general, AHPI, said, "We are pleased that our dialogue with Star Health has resulted in this positive outcome. The restoration of cashless services will ease burden on patients and their families, who deserve uninterrupted access to care. AHPI remains committed to working with all stakeholders to create a more patient-centric healthcare ecosystem." Anand Roy, MD & CEO, Star Health, said: "At Star Health, our priority is well-being of our policyholders. We are glad to have resolved issues via constructive engagement with AHPI. Restoring cashless services at member hospitals reflects our commitment to ensuring accessible, affordable, and seamless healthcare for our customers."

Discounts galore as new GST rates kick off

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

THE GST 2.0 reforms have come into effect from Monday, ushering in a wave of discounts and price cuts this festive season. Retailers, auto companies, textile chains and FMCG businesses are lining up to cash in on rate cuts, with the government instructing them to display new prices to ensure transparency for consumers.

GST revision has taken most items below the 28% mark, with some discretionary items at 18% and essentials at 0 or 5%.

Automobile sector is at the forefront of this shift. Carmakers have announced sharp price cuts ranging from few thousands to few lakhs. Maruti Suzuki announced a price cut of up to 24%. Tata Motors have announced price cuts up to ₹1.5 lakh on different models. Mahindra & Mahindra has revised ex-showroom prices of its internal combustion engine (ICE) vehicles and is offering additional benefits of up to ₹1.29 lakh.

As per experts, these markdowns are driven by elimination of cess component, which was earlier as high as 20% for large SUVs. The GST Council has reduced levies on small cars and mass-market motorcycles (below 350cc) from 28% to 18%. While premium SUVs attract 40% GST, a reduction from earlier 48% (GST plus cess).

Rate cuts are set to impact a third of average consumers' monthly expenses. Fast-moving consumer goods (FMCG) and apparel companies are implementing strategies to pass on benefits of GST cuts to consumers. This includes offering discounts and promotional schemes to clear inventory and align with the new tax regime.

FMCG companies are using pricing and promotions such as offering extra quantities at current prices, to ensure a smooth transition. Retailers and e-commerce platforms have launched festive season sales earlier than usual, with some offering discounts of up to 50%.

The GST rate for apparel priced up to ₹2,500 has been reduced to 5%, while items above that threshold are now taxed at 18% (up from the previous 12%). This rationalization is expected to boost consumption, especially for value and mid-range retailers.

A report from Crisil Ratings notes that 11 of the top 30 consumption items, including essentials like milk products and processed food, and discretionary items like beauty services, will benefit from the tax cuts. This is expected to boost the purchasing power of the middle and low-middle income segments. However, the real impact on consumption will depend on the extent to which producers pass on the benefits to consumers.

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RE-TENDER-CUM-AUCTION SALE NOTICE UNDER SARFAESI ACT 2002

The following property/ies mortgaged to **City Union Bank Limited** will be sold in Re-Tender-cum Public Auction by the Authorised Officer of the Bank, under Rule 8 (6) & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, under the SARFAESI Act, 2002, for recovery of a sum of **Rs.9,37,818/- (Rupees Nine Lakh Thirty Seven Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighteen only)** as on **16-09-2025** together with further interest to be charged from **17-09-2025** onwards and other expenses, any other dues to the Bank by the borrowers / guarantors **No.1) M/s. De Zone Collection, 2nd Floor, Shop No.41, LUM Plaza D S Lane, Chickpet, Bangalore - 560053. Also At, M/s. De Zone Collection, No.26, 2nd Floor, D K Lane, Behind S S Jain, Chickpet Cross Bangalore - 560053. Also At, M/s. De Zone Collection, Shop No.9, Basement Floor, Sharma Complex, Chick Pet, Bangalore -560053, No.2) Mrs. Chouthi Devi, W/o. Bhundaram, No.11/5, C.K.C.Garden, Mission Road, Wilson Garden, Bangalore - 560027. Also At, Mrs. Chouthi Devi, W/o. Bhundaram, Flat No.301, 3rd Floor, Adviath Ashray, No.38/5 1st A Main, C.K.C.Garden, Doddabayalu Khane, Kasaba Hobli Sudhamanara, Bengaluru - 560027. Also At, Mrs. Chouthi Devi, W/o. Bhundaram, No.1045/750, Above Samsung Show Room, Choulyru Palya, Near G T World Mall, Magadi Road, Bangalore - 560023. No.3) Mr. Bhundaram, S/o. Joraramji, No.11/5, C.K.C.Garden, Mission Road, Wilson Garden, Bangalore - 560027. Also At, Mr. Bhundaram, S/o. Joraramji, Flat No.301, 3rd Floor, Adviath Ashray, No.38/5, 1st A Main, C.K.C.Garden, Doddabayalu Khane, Kasaba Hobli. Sudhamanara, Bengaluru - 560027. Also At, Mr. Bhundaram, S/o. Joraramji, No.1045/750, Above Samsung Show Room, Choulyru Palya, Near G T World Mall, Magadi Road, Bangalore – 560023.**

Note : That our **054-Bengaluru-Sultanpet Branch** has also extended Financial Assistance (SWAYAM GRIHA - SAL BR : 501312030012464) dated **25-10-2017** requested by No.3 of you for which No.2 of you stood as Co-obligant for the facility for a total amount of **Rs.35,00,000/-** at a ROI of **11.00%.** The same has been also classified as **NPA** on **06-02-2019** and the outstanding balance as on **16-09-2025** is **Rs.29,86,739/-** plus further interest and penal interest of **2.00%** with monthly rests to be charged from **17-09-2025** till the date of realization.

Immovable Properties Mortgaged to our Bank
(Property Owned by Mr. Bhundaram, S/o. Joraramji)
Schedule - A

All that Piece and Parcel of the immovable Property Bearing Site No.38/5, Located at Bangalore, Doddabayalu Khane, Kasaba Hobli, Bangalore, C K C Garden, Old Ward No.48, New No.118, Measuring : East to West (65 + 66)/2 Feet and North to South (40 + 28)/ 2 Feet. Totally Measuring about 2,227 Sq.Ft. and Bounded on the : East by : Remaining Portion of Property Belongs to Mrs.Lalana, North by : Road, South by : Property of Chennamma School, West by : Private Property.

Schedule - B

Flat Bearing No.301, in Third Floor of the Apartment Building Known as Adviath Ashray Having a Super Built-up Area of 853 Sq.Ft., Vitrified and Semi Vitrified Flooring, Doors and Windows made out of Sal Wood with all amenities, Containing 2 Bedrooms, together with 263 Sq.Ft. Undivided Share of Land Comprised in Schedule A Property With one Car Parking Basement.

Reserve Price : Rs.55,00,000/-
(Rupees Fifty Five Lakh only)

RE-AUCTION DETAILS

Date of Re-Tender-cum-Auction Sale	Venue
15-10-2025	**City Union Bank Limited, Bengaluru-Sultanpet Branch,** No.349, Komarala Towers, OTC Road, Chickpet Main Road, Bengaluru, Bengaluru Urban - 560053. Telephone No.080-22870328, Cell Nos.9342874656, 8925964904.

Terms and Conditions of Re-Tender-cum-Auction Sale :

(1) The intending bidders should be present in person for the auction and participate personally and give a declaration in writing to the effect that he/she is bidding for himself/herself. **(2)** The intending bidders may obtain the Tender Forms from **The Manager, City Union Bank Limited, Bengaluru-Sultanpet Branch, No.349, Komarala Towers, OTC Road, Chickpet Main Road, Bengaluru, Bengaluru Urban - 560053. (3)** The intending bidders should submit their bids only in the Tender Form prescribed in sealed envelopes addressed to **The Authorised Officer, City Union Bank Ltd.,** together with a Pay Order / Demand Draft for an EMD of **10%** of the Reserve Price, drawn in favour of **"City Union Bank Ltd.", on or before 12.00 Noon** on the date of Tender-cum-Auction Sale hereby notified. **(4)** For inspection of the property and other particulars, the intending purchaser may contact **Telephone No.080-22870328, Cell Nos.9342874656, 8925964904. (5)** The property/ies are sold on "As-is-where-is", "As-is-what-is" and "whatever-there is" basis. **(6)** The sealed tenders will be opened in the presence of the intending bidders at **01.00 p.m.** on the date of Tender-cum-Auction Sale hereby notified. Though in general the sale will be by way of closed tenders, the Authorised Officer may, at his sole discretion, conduct an Open Auction among the interested bidders who desire to quote a bid higher than the one received in the closed tender process, and in such an event, the sale shall be conferred on the person making highest bid. The sale, however, is subject to confirmation of City Union Bank Limited. **(7)** The successful bidder shall have to pay **25% (inclusive of EMD paid)** of the sale amount **immediately** on completion of sale and the balance amount of **75%** within **15 days** from the date of confirmation of sale, failing which the initial deposit of **25%** shall be forfeited. **(8)** The Sale Certificate will be issued by the Authorised Officer in favour of the successful purchaser only after receipt of the entire sale consideration within the time limit stipulated herein. **(9)** The successful purchaser shall bear the charges/fees payable for conveyance, such as stamp duty, registration fee etc., as applicable under law. **(10)** The successful bidder should pay the statutory dues (lawful house tax, electricity charges and other dues), TDS, GST if any, due to Government, Government Undertaking and local bodies. **(11)** The Authorised Officer shall have all the powers to accept or reject the bids or postpone or cancel the sale without assigning any reason whatsoever.

Place : Kumbakonam, Date : 19-09-2025 **Authorised Officer**

Regd. Office: 149, T.S.R. (Big) Street, Kumbakonam, Thanjavur District, Tamil Nadu - 612 001, **CIN -** L65110TN1904PLC001287, **Telephone No.**0435-2402322, **Fax:** 0435-2431746, **Website:** www.cityunionbank.com

IN THE HON'BLE COURT OF THE XXXV ADDL. CITY CIVIL & SESSIONS JUDGE AT BENGALURU

P & S.C. No. 90/2025 (CCH-36)

BETWEEN : 1. Mrs. Namrata Sinha W/o late Sharangdev Sinha, Aged 40 years, **2. Ms. Aavya Sinha,** D/o Late Sharagdev Sinha and Mrs. Namrata Sinha, Aged 5 years, Both Residing at Villa 47, Allure One, Kithaganur Main Road, KR Puram, Bangalore 560049. (Being a Minor Represented by Natural Guardian, the Mother, The Petitioner No. 1). **3. Mrs. Pramila Priyahasini,** W/o Mr. Balanand Sinha, Aged 63 years, Residing at E 906, Purva Seasons, Kaggadaspura Main Road, C V Raman Nagar, Bangalore, Karnataka PIN Code-560093. **...Petitioner** **And : Nil ...Defendants**

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas, the petitioners, the wife, daughter, mother of Late Sharangdev Sinha, the above named have filed the petition under Section 372 of the Indian Succession Act, 1925 for the issuance of Succession Certificate in favour of the Petitioners in respect of the schedule property of the deceased Late Sharangdev Sinha who died on 25/05/2021.

The public and any interested parties are hereby warned to appear before The Hon'ble Court of Addl. City Civil & Sessions Judge at Bengaluru (CCH 36) in person or by a pleader duly instructed **on 24th day of October 2025 at 11.00 AM** to show cause against the petition, failing which he matters will be heard and determined ex-parte.

SCHEDULE

Sl No	Description	Amount
1.	HDFC Bank Limited - Agara Lake Branch Acc No. 08331000025235	Rs. 4,268.98/- As on 03/11/2024
2.	HDFC Bank Limited - Koramangala II Branch Acc No. 17581140017249	Rs. 8077.79/- As on 03/11/2024
3.	HDFC Bank Limited - Anna Nagar I Branch Acc No. 55000001909795	Rs. 4,82,182/- As on 31/03/2024
4.	HDFC Bank Limited - Darjeeling Branch Acc No. 50200035115685 In the name of Arcadia Heritage Resort, Rajakothi, Darjeeling	Not known The Account has been freezed by the Bank.
5.	State Bank India - Pbb Vasant Vihar, Thane Branch Savings Acc No. XXXXXXX8347	Rs. 34733.40/- As on 31/08/2023
6.	State Bank of India - Pbb Vasant Vihar, Thane Branch Current Acc No. XXXXXXX3984	NIL
7.	1 Immovable Property (Jointly owned by the 1st Petitioner and Late Sharangdev Sinha) 3 BHK flat in Electronic City, Bangalore (A-1602, Rockfeller, Concorde Manhattans, Electronic City, Bangalore, Karnataka. PIN Code: 560100)	

Issued under my hand and the seal of this Court on the 18th day of September 2025.
By order of the Court, Senior Sheristedar, City Civil Court, Bengaluru.
Advocate for Petitioner : **Susheel Shankar**
Ayddha Legal, Advocate and Consultants
5, Sundermurthy Rd., Cox Town, Bengaluru, Karnataka - 560005. Mobile : 9148783089

CITY UNION BANK LIMITED

CUB TRUST AND EXCELLENCE SINCE 1904

Credit Recovery and Management Department
Administrative Office : No. 24-B, Gandhi Nagar, Kumbakonam - 612 001. **E-Mail id :** crmd@cityunionbank.in, **Ph :** 0435-2432322, **Fax :** 0435-2431746

POSSESSION NOTICE (Immovable Properties)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of **City Union Bank Ltd.,** having its **Administrative Office** at **No. 24-B, Gandhi Nagar, Kumbakonam - 612001** and one of the Branch Offices at **Door No.252, Sureka Complex, 100 Feet Road (Near Jalahalli Cross), Peenya, Bengaluru, Bengaluru Rural - 560057, Bengaluru-Peenya Branch,** under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13(2) & (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a Demand Notice Dated **11-07-2025** calling upon the borrowers **No.1) Mr. Eshwar Rao, S/o. Late Ranoji Rao, No.13/5, Eshwar Rao Compound, 4th Cross, 8th Mile Circle, T. Dasarahalli, Bangalore - 560057. No.2) Mr. Manoj Rao, S/o. Eshwar Rao, No.13/5, Eshwar Rao Compound, 4th Cross, 8th Mile Circle, T. Dasarahalli, Bangalore - 560057. No.3) Mrs. Sushma .G, W/o. Mr. Manoj Rao, No.13/5, Eshwar Rao Compound, 4th Cross, 8th Mile Circle, T. Dasarahalli, Bangalore - 560057** to repay the amount mentioned in the Notice being **Rs.36,65,569/- (Rupees Thirty Six Lakh Sixty Five Thousand Five Hundred and Sixty Nine only)** within **60 days** from the date of the said Notice with subsequent interest thereon from **09-07-2025** with monthly rests.

The borrowers above named having failed to repay the amount despite the receipt of the above referred statutory notice, NOTICE is hereby given to the borrowers above named and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the Properties described herein below in exercise of the powers conferred on him under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules on this 19th day of September 2025.

The borrowers above named in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the properties and any dealings with the properties will be subject to the charge of City Union Bank Ltd. for an amount of **Rs.37,81,835/- (Rupees Thirty Seven Lakh Eighty One Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirty Five only)** and interest thereon from **18-09-2025** till the repayment of entire dues.

The borrowers' attention is invited to provisions of Sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Immovable Properties Mortgaged to our Bank

Property - 1 : (Property Owned by Mr. Manoj Rao, S/o. Eshwar Rao)

All the piece and parcel of the property bearing No. 12, Khatha No. 38/1B, Old Nagarasabha Division No. 17, Now comes under BBMP Limit, PID No.039-W-0261-21-1, Ward No.39, situated at Dasarahalli Village, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore and bounded on : East by : Road, West by : Property belongs to Bhavani Sawmill, North by : Property belongs to Smt. Leelabai and South by : Property belongs to Hitashree. Measuring : East to West - 60 feet, North to South - 27½, Total measuring 1,650 Sq. ft.

Property - 2 : (Property Owned by Mr. Eshwar Rao, S/o. Late Ranoji Rao & Mr. Manoj Rao, S/o. Eshwar Rao)

All the piece and parcel of the Southern Portion of Property bearing No.7, Khatha No. 256, Present 526, Old Nagarasabha Division No. 17, Now comes under BBMP Limit, situated at Dasarahalli Village, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore and bounded on : East by : Road, West by : Property belongs to Smt. Venkamma, North by : Remaining Portion of same Property and South by : Property belongs to Sri. Rangaswamy. Measuring : East to West - 80 feet, North to South - 35.6, Total measuring 2,848 Sq. ft.

Property - 3 : (Property Owned by Mr. Manoj Rao, S/o. Eshwar Rao)

All the piece and parcel of the Northern Portion of Property bearing No. 7, khatha No. 256, Old Nagarasabha Division No.17, Now comes under BBMP Limit, situated at Dasarahalli Village, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore and bounded on : East by : Road, West by : Property belongs to Venkamma, North by : Property belongs to Smt. Kamalamma and South by : Remaining portion of same Property. Measuring : East to West - 80 feet, North to South - 35.5, Total measuring 2,840 Sq. ft.

Place : Bangalore, Date : 19-09-2025 **Authorised Officer**

Regd. Office : 149, T.S.R. (Big) Street, Kumbakonam, Thanjavur District, Tamil Nadu - 612 001, **CIN -** L65110TN1904PLC001287, **Telephone No.** 0435-2402322, **Fax :** 0435-2431746, **Website :** www.cityunionbank.com

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Immovable Property Mortgaged to our Bank
(Property Owned by Mr.Jayasimha Karlapalam, S/o. Sivaram Sarma)

All that piece and parcel of Residential Premises bearing Nagara Sabhe Municipal, Assessment No.1447/71/63/1, 63/2, No.63, Janjar Number 72, Ward No.22 situated at Bangalore Urban District, Anekal Taluk, Attibele, Hebbagodi Village. Measuring: East to West 20 feet and Norrth to South 45 feet in all 900 Square feet along with the RCC roofed Residential building existing thereon in an Area of 800 Square feet of Ground Floor and 800 square feet of First Floor having Red-Oxide Flooring with all Civic amenities and Bounded as follows:- East by : Road, West by : Private Property, North by : Road, South by : Munikrishnappa Property.

Reserve Price : Rs.90,00,000/-
(Rupees Ninety Lakh only)

RE-AUCTION DETAILS

Date of Re-Tender-cum-Auction Sale	Venue
16-10-2025	**City Union Bank Limited, Bengaluru-Jigani Branch,** Plot No.3A1, 2nd Phase, Jigani Industrial Area Taluk, Jigani, Bangalore - 560105, Cell Nos.9341055177, 8925964904.

Terms and Conditions of Re-Tender-cum-Auction Sale :

(1) The intending bidders should be present in person for the auction and participate personally and give a declaration in writing to the effect that he/she is bidding for himself/ herself. **(2)** The intending bidders may obtain the Tender Forms from **The Manager, City Union Bank Limited, Bengaluru-Jigani Branch, Plot No.3A1, 2nd Phase, Jigani Industrial Area Taluk, Jigani, Bangalore - 560105. (3)** The intending bidders should submit their bids only in the Tender Form prescribed in sealed envelopes addressed to **The Authorised Officer, City Union Bank Ltd.,** together with a Pay Order / Demand Draft for an EMD of **10%** of the Reserve Price, drawn in favour of **"City Union Bank Ltd.", on or before 12.00 Noon** on the date of Tender-cum-Auction Sale hereby notified. **(4)** For inspection of the property and other particulars, the intending purchaser may contact : **Cell Nos.9341055177, 8925964904. (5)** The property/ies are sold on "As-is-where-is", "As-is-what-is" and "whatever-there is" basis. **(6)** The sealed tenders will be opened in the presence of the intending bidders at **01.00 p.m.** on the date of Tender-cum-Auction Sale hereby notified. Though in general the sale will be by way of closed tenders, the Authorised Officer may, at his sole discretion, conduct an Open Auction among the interested bidders who desire to quote a bid higher than the one received in the closed tender process, and in such an event, the sale shall be conferred on the person making highest bid. The sale, however, is subject to confirmation of City Union Bank Limited. **(7)** The successful bidder shall have to pay **25% (inclusive of EMD paid)** of the sale amount **immediately** on completion of sale and the balance amount of **75%** within **15 days** from the date of confirmation of sale, failing which the initial deposit of **25%** shall be forfeited. **(8)** The Sale Certificate will be issued by the Authorised Officer in favour of the successful purchaser only after receipt of the entire sale consideration within the time limit stipulated herein. **(9)** The successful purchaser shall bear the charges/fees payable for conveyance, such as stamp duty, registration fee etc., as applicable under law. **(10)** The successful bidder should pay the statutory dues (lawful house tax, electricity charges and other dues), TDS, GST if any, due to Government, Government Undertaking and local bodies. **(11)** The Authorised Officer shall have all the powers to accept or reject the bids or postpone or cancel the sale without assigning any reason whatsoever.

Place : Kumbakonam, Date : 20-09-2025 **Authorised Officer**

Regd. Office : 149, T.S.R. (Big) Street, Kumbakonam, Thanjavur District, Tamil Nadu - 612 001, **CIN -** L65110TN1904PLC001287, **Telephone No.** 0435-2402322, **Fax :** 0435-2431746, **Website :** www.cityunionbank.com

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BWSSB invites Tenders from Registered Contractors for the following works.

Office of the Chief Engineer (North), 2nd Floor, Cauvery Bhavan, K. G. Road, Bangalore-560009.

Sl. No.	Division	IFT Number	Amount put to Tender / EMD Amount	Last date & time for Submission of Tender	Date & Time for Opening of Tender
1	(North-2)	BWSSB/ENTE/AE-1/1764/2025-26 Date: 17.09.2025	Rs.4,45,429/- / Rs.11,200/-	05.10.2025 upto 3:00 PM	06.10.2025 after 4:00 PM
2	(North-2)	BWSSB/ENTE/AE-1/1766/2025-26 Date: 17.09.2025	Rs.3,63,566/- / Rs.9,100/-	05.10.2025 upto 3:00 PM	06.10.2025 after 4:00 PM

Sd/- Executive Engineer (North-2)

The detail regarding the tender & participation in the e-procurement portal process can be obtained by logging on to **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** For further details contact the abovesigned office during working hours.

DIPR/CP/2906/SSC/2025-26

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client proposes to purchase the schedule property from the owner **Mr. K. Boregowda,** son of Mr. Kashipathi, R/a. No.29, 6th Cross, 7th Main, BDA, Avalahalli, Girinagar, Bangalore 560 085 and the same having been purchased by him interms of the Sale Deed Dt.03-09-2018, Document No.5771/2018-19, Bk-I, CD No.RMND 369, registered at Ramanagara Sub Registrar Office.

Any person or persons having any claims/ objections for the above sale transaction may lodge their claims/objections with documentary evidence within **Seven (7) days** from the date of publication of this notice with the undersigned, failing which, thereafter my client shall proceed to complete the sale transaction. Any claims received beyond stipulated period will not be entertained.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

Immovable property being an agricultural dry land bearing **Sy.No.44/1, measuring 0-05.08 Guntas of Mayaganahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Ramanagara Taluk, Bangalore South District** and bounded as follows :-

EAST BY : Land bearing Sy.No.45, WEST BY : Sarkari Halla, NORTH BY :: Land bearing Sy.No.45 and Govt. Road, SOUTH BY :: Land belonging to Mrs. Jayamma @ Venkatamma

Mr. Sadashiva M.H.
---ADVOCATE--- KRM LAW FIRM
No.137, Bhagyalakshmi Complex
Ground Floor, 5th Main, 3rd Stage, 2nd Block, Basaveshwaranagara BANGALORE-560 079.
Ph.No.9980816715
Email: lawfirm.krm@gmail.com
BANGALORE DATED : 22.09.2025

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby brought to the notice of the public that my client **Smt. Bharathi Thammi Reddy** W/o Sri. Konda Reddy intends to purchase below site mentioned in the schedule property from its owner **Sri. Kotamreddy RadaKrishna Reddy S/o. Sri. Kotamreddy Varada Reddy.** That owner represents that there are no adverse or third party claims, or any type of encumbrance over the schedule property with any person or institution, nor entered into any sale agreement in respect of the schedule property.

That in furtherance of their intention my client has decided to purchase the schedule property and get the sale agreement & sale deed registered.

It is hereby notified that if any person has any objections, claims or right over the schedule property or have any information of existing litigation in respect of the schedule property, shall submit their written objection, claim or information with supporting documents, with the undersigned within seven days (7) from the date of publication hereof, failing which the negotiations shall be completed, without any reference to such claims and the claims if any, shall be deemed to have been given up or waived.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

Site No.74, bearing BDA PID No.600074866, measuring East to West - (14.36 + 14.62)/2 mts, North to South 9.15 mtr., totally 132.58 Sq Mts (1427.09 Sq Fts), Carved out of Converted Land bearing Sy.No.35/1, in the layout known as "SRI BALAJI LAKE VIEW PHASE-1" of Byalakere Village, Hesaraghatta Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore District, & bounded by: East : Sy.No.35/2, West : Road, North : Site No.73, South : Site No.75.

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IN THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL -II, AT BENGALURU

O.A. No.161/2018

BETWEEN : CANARA BANK ...Applicant
AND

1. M/s. Ferro Fab Inc, No. 201, 2nd Floor, 37/2, Chicago Avenue, Cunningham Road, Bengaluru - 560 052. **...Defendant No. 1**

2. Sri R. Meghanathan, S/o. Sri Ranganathan C. No. 3, R.S. Palya, Vivekananda Street, Kammanahalli Main Road, Bengaluru - 560 033. **...Defendant No. 2**

SUMMONS ISSUED UNDER RULE 23(VIII) OF THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES 1993

WHEREAS, the Applicant has instituted an Application under section 19 of Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 against the Defendnts for recovery of a sum of **Rs.2,66,46,836/-** (Rupees Two Crore Sixty Six Lakhs Forty Six Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirty Six Only) together with current and future interest and other relief's. The above Defendants are therefore, hereby directed to appear before the Tribunal in person or through an advocate or through authorised agents in support of their defence to show cause within 30 days from the date of publication or on before **31.10.2025 at 10.30 a.m.** as to why reliefs prayed for should not be granted.

Take notice that in case of default, the application will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of the Tribunal, on this the **06.09.2025 .**

Sd/- Registrar
Debts Recovery Tribunal - II, Bengaluru

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BEFORE THE DEBT RECOVERY TRIBUNAL -II AT BANGALORE
BSNL Building, 4th Floor,
Telephone House ,Rajbhavan Road,
Bangalore -560 001

O.A. No.1730/2020

BETWEEN : BANK OF INDIA, Banashankari Branch, No. 2, Bharath Mansion, 100 ft Ring Road, BSK III Stage, Banashankari, Bangalore - 560 085. **...Applicant**

Versus

Sri Manju Mohan and Another **...Defendant**

SUMMONS ISSUED UNDER RULE 23(VIII) OF THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES 1993 BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION

To, Defendants:

1. Sri Manju Mohan, aged about 30 years, S/o. Sri Ganganna

2. Smt. Roopa N. P. aged about 25 years, W/o. Sri Manju Mohan

Both are R/at: No. 9/19, Hosahalli Main Road, Gollarahalli, Opp. Akshay Convention Hall, Bangalore - 560 019. And Also at : #421/9, 7th Main, 2nd Cross, Vijayanagar, Bangalore- 560 040.

Under Section 19 of the Recovery of Debts due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 against the defendants for recovery of a sum of **Rs.50,68,176.87 ps** (Rupees Fifty Lakhs Sixty Eight Thousand One Hundred Seventy Six and Eighty Seven Paise Only) together with current and future interest and other reliefs.

The above mentioned defendants are required to appear before the Tribunal in person or through an advocate n support of their defense to show cause within 30 days or on **28.10.2025 at 10.30 a.m.** as to why reliefs prayed for should not be granted.

Take notice that in case of default, the application will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal, on this the **04.09.2025**

By Order of the Tribunal
Sd/- Registrar
Debts Recovery Tribunal -II.

OFFICE OF THE RECOVERY OFFICER - I / II
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL BENGALURU (DRT 2)
Government of India - Ministry of Finance
Department of Financial Services
Debt Recovery Tribunal - II Karnataka (Bengaluru)
4th Floor, Telephone House, Raj Bhavan Road, Bengaluru, Pin Code - 560001

CORRIGENDUM

"With reference to our advertisement of DRT NOTICE Published dated **07.07.2025** in "THE NEW INDIAN EXPRESS and "UDAYAKALA" - BANGALORE Edition and "BUSINESS STANDARD" AND "SAKSHYAM" - HYDERABAD edition of **"M/S AGS INFOTECH LIMITED "TRC NO - 135/2018"** Please note that the bank name mentioned as **"UNITED BANK OF INDIA"** in the advertisement should be read as **"PUNJAB NATIONAL BANK."**

PUBLIC NOTICE

REGARDING
LAMINATED ORIGINAL TITLE DEED

A The general public is hereby informed that we M/s Sri Sumeru Realty Private Limited, 2nd Floor, SAMVIT, next to Art of Living Ashram, near Udayapura Bus Stop, Bengaluru - 560 082, are developed an area of **6 Acres and 15 Guntas of land** into a residential layout named **SRI SRI NAGAR (Project)** comprised in Sy. Nos. 410 (old Sy. No. 46/p16) measuring 1 Acre 5 Guntas, Sy. No. 411 (old Sy. No. 46/p18) measuring 1 Acre 30 Guntas, Sy. No. 412 (old Sy. No. 46/p19) measuring 1 Acre 30 Guntas and Sy. No. 432 (old Sy. No. 46/p17) measuring 1 Acre 30 Guntas **located at Kaggalipura Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore Urban District.**

B. The following documents pertaining to the Project are laminated:
a) Saguvali Chit dated 24.10.1984 bearing No.73.
b) Saguvali Chit dated 24.10.1984 bearing No.75
c) Sale permission letter dated 06.04.2009 bearing No.17.
d) Sale permission letter dated 06.04.2009 bearing No.15.

C. Using the same we intend to obtain approval for afore mentioned Project/ avail credit facilities mortgaging the Units of the Project, and to do all acts ancillary and incidental to the same, from **State Bank of India, Home Loan Sales Team & Builder Relations Team, Annexe Building, 2nd Floor, A-Block, BKG Complex, Behind E-SBM Building, AO Campus, Mysore Bank Circle, KG Road, Bangalore - 560002.**

It is requested form the general public that in case any party has any claim towards the said relevant Project Land, the same should be lodged with us and also with afore mentioned branch of State Bank of India, within **15 days** from the date of publication of this notice.

Jayalakshmi, Advocate,
Arunodaya Apartment, Kashinagar,
Yelachenahalli, Bangalore-560078.

BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL -II,
BSNL Building , 4th Floor, Telephone House, Rajbhavan Road, Bangalore - 560 001

O.A. No.134/2022

Between: Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd., Having its Office at : #22, MG Road, 4th Floor, Bangalore - 560 001, Represented by its Authorised Signatory Mrs. Nagarathna K. **....Applicant**
And

1. Sri Venkateshwara Cranes, #40/1, Nalaswamy compound , Hennur Main Road, Near Indian Academic College, Bangalore - 560 043, Rep. by its Proprietor

2. Lakshmi M., Aged about 48 years, D/o. Mathu, R/a: #462/1, Gowdru Colony, Hennur Village, Bangalore - 571 812.

3. G. Murugan, S/o. Erachety Gopal, aged about 50 Years, R/a: # 37, Hennur Village, Angalamma Devasthana, Bengaluru - 560 084. **...Defendants**

SUMMONS TO THE DEFENDANT NO. 1 TO 3 UNDER RULE 23(VIII) OF THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES, 1993 TO BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION

Whereas, the Applicant Bank has instituted an application U/S 19 of the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993, against you for the recovery of sum of **Rs.24,95,241.88** (Rupees Twenty Four Lakhs Ninety Five Thousand Two Hundred Forty One and Paise Eighty Eight Only) together with current and future interest and other reliefs.

You hereby required to show-cause within 30 days from the date of publication of this summons or on the **13.11.2025 at 10:30 a.m.** in person or through a Pleader/ Advocate duly instructed as to why the reliefs prayed for should not be granted.

Take notice that in case of default the Application will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and the seal of this Tribunal on 07.08.2025

Sd/-Signature of the Registrar
Authorised to issue Summons

BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL -II,
BSNL Building , 4th Floor, Telephone House, Rajbhavan Road, Bangalore - 560 001

O.A. No.132/2022

Between: Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd., Having its Office at : #22, MG Road, 4th Floor, Bangalore - 560 001, Represented by its Authorised Signatory Mrs. Nagarathna K. **....Applicant**
And

1. V. Venkatesh, S/o. Venkataswamy., Aged about 29 years, R/at : #2, 1st Cross, Green Paradise Layout, Near Hebron Enclave, Halechalli KR Puram, Bangalore - 560 036.

2. Sarojamma Y., D/o. Yerappa, Aged about 42 years, R/at : #2, 1st Cross, Green Paradise Layout, Near Hebron Enclave, Halechalli KR Puram, Bangalore - 560 036.

3. Prabhakar Y., Aged about 28 years S/o. Venkatesu, R/at : Kondasapura Road, Budigere Cross, Virgonagar, Bangalore - 560 049. **...Defendants**

SUMMONS TO THE DEFENDANT NO. 1 TO 3 UNDER RULE 23(VIII) OF THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES, 1993 TO BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION

Whereas, the Applicant Bank has instituted an application U/S 19 of the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993, against you for the recovery of sum of **Rs.44,17,411.76** (Rupees Forty Four Lakhs Seventeen Thousand Four Hundred Eleven and Paise Seventy Six Only) together with current and future interest and other reliefs.

You hereby required to show-cause within 30 days from the date of publication of this summons or on the **07.11.2025 at 10:30 a.m.** in person or through a Pleader/ Advocate duly instructed as to why the reliefs prayed for should not be granted.

Take notice that in case of default the Application will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and the seal of this Tribunal on 17.07.2025

Sd/-Signature of the Registrar
Authorised to issue Summons

IN THE HON'BLE COURT OF THE LXXIII CITY CIVIL & SESSIONS JUDGE, MAYO HALL AT BENGALURU

O.S. No. 25402/2024

Between : Canara Bank ...Plaintiff
AND : Miss. Dhanalakshmi. A. & Another ...Defendants

SUIT SUMMONS TO THE DEFENDANTS Nos. 1 & 2, U/O 5 Rule 20 of CPC

To: Miss. Dhanalakshmi. A., D/o. Mr. Ashok Kumar. K., R/a No. 48, Kadiranapalya, Indiranagar Post, Bengaluru-560038. **...Defendant No. 1**

Mr. Ashok Kumar. K, R/a. No. 48, Kadiranapalya, Indiranagar Post, Bengaluru-560038. **...Defendant No. 2**

Whereas, the above-named Plaintiff, has filed the above suit Under filed under Order VII Rule 1 read with section 151 of code of civil procedure, 1908, seeking recovery of money against the Defendants and such other relief. You are hereby summoned to appear in person or through a pleader duly instructed before the LXXIII Additional City Civil & Session Judge, Mayo Hall Unit, Bengaluru in CCH-74.

Take notice that in default of your appearance, **On the 16.10.2025 at 11.00. A.M.,** the suit will be heard and determined in your absence placing you as ex-parte.

Given under my hand and seal of this Court on this 11th day of September 2025.

By order of the Court,
Deputy Registrar, City Civil & Sessions Judge, Mayo Hall, Bengaluru.
Advocate for Plaintiff: **Kaushik .L,** Advocate
No. 717, 6th Main, BDA 2nd Stage,
3rd Phase, Domalur, Bengaluru-560 071.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The general public hereby notify that my clients **1. Mrs. Trupti R. Savla,** W/o. Mr. Rohit D. Savla, **2. Mrs. Anupa Pradeep Savla,** W/o. Mr. Pradeep Devchand Savla and **3. Mrs. Pankita Rahul Savla,** W/o. Mr. Rahul D. Savla, R/o. Flat No.402, JEWELS, # 180, 4th Floor, 1st Stage, 6th Phase, West of Chord Road, Bangalore – 560 010 are the absolute co-owners of the schedule property and the same having been acquired interms of the Sale Deed Dt.06-09-2025, No.3294/2025-26, Book I, registered at Rajajinagar SRO, Bangalore and have represented that the original Allotment Letter issued by the BDA in favour of Mr. Gangadhar Modaliar and original Khata Uthara Patra dated 13-04-2005, No.DAW.20.KTR.234/2004-05 in the name of Mr. S. Lakshminarasimhan issued by the BBMP are being lost/misplaced and not traceable as on date.

It is further represented that the above said original documents are not been pledged/ mortgaged nor has any lien been created on any financial institutions and no other person/s having any authority to hold the said Title Deeds. Any person/s holding the said original Title Deeds may kindly return the same to the undersigned within **seven (7) days** from the date of this Public Notice and will be suitably rewarded.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

Residential immovable property bearing EKhata 9900048353, Property No.302/209/1, Corporation No.209/1 (old BDA Site No.209), old PID No.20-37-209/1, 1st Stage, 6th Phase, West of Chord Road, Bangalore, Ward No.107-Shivanagara (old Ward No.20), together with the building of 400 Sq.Ft in Ground Floor, 400 Sq.Ft in First Floor and 400 Sq.Ft in Second Floor, constructed on site measuring :-

EAST TO WEST : 30-0 Feet, NORTH TO SOUTH : 16-0 Feet TOTAL ARE : 480 Square Feet

and bounded as follows :

EAST BY : Property No.64, New Corporation No.209/A, WEST BY : Western portion of BDA Site No.209, now Municipal No.209 belonging to Mrs. Vadumbal, NORTH BY : Property No.66, now Corporation No.207, SOUTH BY : Road

Mr. Sadashiva M.H.
---ADVOCATE--- KRM LAW FIRM
No.137, Bhagyalakshmi Complex
Ground Floor, 5th Main, 3rd Stage, 2nd Block, Basaveshwaranagara BANGALORE-560 079.
Ph.No.9980816715
Email: lawfirm.krm@gmail.com
BANGALORE DATED : 22.09.2025

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that my Client, **SMT. SONU L.,** daughter of Sri Lakshmana M. N., residing at Chintamani Road, MALLIMAKANAPURA - 562 122, Nandagudi Hobli, Hoskote Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District, has lost the Original Sale Deed dated 21-12-2013, registered as Document No. HSK-1-07843-2013-14; Book I ; CD No. HSKD 450, in the Office of the Sub-Registrar, Hoskote, on 21-12-2013, relating to the property described in the Schedule hereto. A Police Complaint has also been filed and registered. My Client intends to avail of Loan against the said Property.

All persons claiming an interest in the said property or any part thereof by way of sale, gift, lease, inheritance, exchange, mortgage, charge, lien, trust, possession, easement, attachment or otherwise, howsoever, are hereby required to make the same known to the undersigned at his office at Bengaluru within 07 (SEVEN) days from the date of this Notice, failing which the Loan Transaction will be completed, without any reference to such claim and the same, if any, shall be considered as waived. Any person finding the said Document may kindly return it to SMT. SONU L. at her address. Her Mobile Phone No. is 97311 56806.

DESCRIPTION OF THE SCHEDULE PROPERTY:

All that piece and parcel of Residential Property bearing Site No. 38, Khatha No. 350/38, E-PID No. 150300400200520072, CONFIDENT CYGNUS-III Layout, MALLIMAKANAPURA - 562122, Kasaba Hobli, Hoskote Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District, measuring: East toWest:18metres; and North to South: 12 metres, in all measuring 216 square metres and bound on the: **East by:** ROAD; **West by:** Site No. 39; **North by:** Converted Layout; AND **South by**: Site No. 37.

M. S. SURYANARAYAN RAO
ADVOCATE, No. 18, 3rd Cross, Simhadri Layout, Uttarahalli, BENGALURU–61.
M: 9880700100
email: mssuryarao@yahoo.com
DATED: 22-09-2025

BEFORE THE DEBT RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II AT BANGALORE B.S.N.L. BUILDING, 4th FLOOR, TELEPHONE HOUSE, RAJBHAVAN ROAD, BENGALURU-560001.

Original Application No.1438/2021

BETWEEN: CANARA BANK ...APPLICANT
AND: M/s. PREMIUM ENTERPRISES & ANOTHER ...DEFENDANTS

SUMMONS ISSUED TO DEFENDANT UNDER RULE 23 (VIII) OF THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES, 1993,

To, **1. M/s. PREMIUM ENTERPRISES, Vishwanathapura Branch,** 1st floor, Premises of M/s Vishwanathpura, Co-Operative Milk Producers, Society Ltd, Vishwanathapura, Devanahalli Taluk-562110. Represented by its Proprietor, SRI. MADHU.J, S/o Sri.Jayaramaiah, Aged about 30 years, **2. SRI.MADHU.J.,** S/o Sri.Jayaramaiah, Aged about 30 years, Residing at No.07,Seekayanahalli Village, Devanahalli-562110

Whereas, an Application which has been filed by the Applicant above named under section 19 of the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993, praying to issue a Recovery Certificate against you to repay the Applicant Bank a sum of Rs. 29,38,335.27 (Rupees Twenty Nine Lakh Thirty Eight Thousand Three Hundred and Thirty Five and Twenty Seven Paisa only), along with future interest @11.40% per Annum and in additional penal interest of 2% per Annum, to till the date of realization; together with interest at the contracted rate and also future interests, has been registered by this Tribunal. You are directed to appear before the DRT II Bangalore on **15-10-2025** at 11:00 A.M., in the forenoon in person or by a Pleader/Advocate duly instructed as to why the relief prayed for should not be granted.

Take Notice that in case of default, the Application will he heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of this Hon'ble Tribunal on 08-09-2025.

By order of the Tribunal, Registrar, Debts Recovery Tribunal-II, Bangalore.

Formula 1: Verstappen wins Azerbaijan GP

Max Verstappen cruised to victory in the Azerbaijan Grand Prix on Sunday as championship leader Oscar Piastri's first-lap crash allowed Lando Norris to cut his points advantage. Verstappen was in control from start to finish. George Russell was second for Mercedes and Carlos Sainz, Jr was third for Williams' first podium finish in four years.

Sharma, Gill hand India easy win

Openers add 105 runs inside 10 overs as SKY & Co thrash Pakistan by six wickets

GOMESH S @ Chennai

WHEN Kuldeep Yadav replaced Varun Chakravarthy at the beginning of the 14th over at the Dubai International Stadium on Sunday evening, India were on the back foot. Pakistan had cruised, literally, to 110/2 in 13 overs with Sahibzada Farhan leading the way in their Super Fours match against the arch-rivals.

Along with Saim Ayub, Farhan had come out with intent and hadn't let the Indian bowlers dictate the terms. To an extent, one could anticipate that is what they would try to do after the off-field drama and tension in the lead-up to the game. It seemed like they were keen on making a statement or, at the very least, trying their best even if they failed. Fakhar Zaman and Farhan came out all guns blazing, and Abhishek Sharma dropping a catch in the very first over of the match didn't help India's cause either, giving Farhan a life. The openers pounced on it. They took on Hardik Pandya, Jasprit Bumrah and Varun in the powerplay. The pressure did get to the Men in Blue as they dropped two more catches, with Pakistan getting going.

Pandya did slow things down with the wicket of Zaman, thanks to an off-cutter, but Ayub and Farhan recovered quickly. They went after Bumrah in such a way that the pacer was taken for 34 runs in three overs, all bowled up front. Kuldeep Yadav and Axar Patel too weren't spared as the duo swept, swatted and used the feet to launch Indian spinners into the stands. It was only when Shivam Dube's lack of pace induced a top edge that India got a breakthrough – Ayub fell for 21 off 17.

India pulled back a little and turned to Kuldeep again when they were desperate for a wicket. And three overs without any boundaries meant Hussain Talat tried to go after Kuldeep and was caught at short-third. Dube followed up with the wicket of Farhan (who mocked a gun fire celebration after getting to his fifty) and soon, India were back on track.

The pressure kept mounting on Pakistan and it reflected on the scoreboard as well. From overs 11 to 16, Pakistan scored only 30 runs and lost three wickets. Skipper Salman Agha (17 not out from 13) and Faheem Ashraf (8-ball 20 n.o) took the final score to 171/5, but with dew coming into play and the Indian batting line-up, it was not an above-par total.

It did not take long for Pakistan to realise that either. India opener Abhishek Sharma took on Shaheen Shah Afridi, hitting the first ball for a six and that was just the beginning. Sharma's onslaught continued, with Shubman Gill bringing out a flurry of strokes at the other end, as India raced 69/0 in the first six overs. If Sharma was the muscle, taking the charge to the Pakistan bowlers who had no answers, Gill was the finesse. He stood back and reacted to each ball with ease. There were some heated exchanges in the middle as well but that did not affect the Punjab duo's concentration.

The two childhood friends defended only when they had to, but punished the slightest mistake from Pakistan bowlers. Sharma hit a 24-ball fifty, but Gill fell for 47 from 28 immediately after the drinks break. Suryakumar Yadav and Sharma (74 off 39 balls) fell in short intervals, allowing Pakistan to take the game deep. They took the pace off, making Sanju Samson and Tilak Varma work hard. Though the former fell, Pandya and Varma kept their cool to hand India yet another victory against Pakistan in the ongoing Asia Cup.

Brief scores: Pakistan 171/5 in 20 ovs (Farhan 58; Dube 2/33) **lost to** India 174/4 in 18.5 ovs (Sharma 74, Gill 47; Rauf 2/26)

Abhishek Sharma (R) celebrates his fifty with Shubman Gill in the Super Fours clash against Pakistan on Sunday | AFP

55 RUNS PAKISTAN SCORED IN THE POWERPLAY ON SUNDAY, THEIR HIGHEST AGAINST INDIA IN THE FORMAT.

34 RUNS JASPRIT BUMRAH CONCEDED IN THREE OVERS HE BOWLED DURING THE POWERPLAY, THE MOST BY HIM IN ALL T20 CRICKET.

TOP POST

FOUR YRS AFTER BECOMING ADMINISTRATOR, J&K'S MANHAS SET TO LEAD BCCI

FIROZ MIRZA @ Chennai

IN June 2021, BCCI had formed a three-member subcommittee to run day-to-day affairs of the Jammu and Kashmir Cricket Association. Mithun Manhas, former Delhi and J&K cricketer, was included in the panel as a member of cricket operations and development. Having moved to the national capital after playing age group cricket for the Valley, Manhas had by then led Delhi and returned to J&K in 2015 playing his last few domestic matches before retiring the next season.

Manhas, who played 157 First-Class, 130 List A and 55 IPL matches in a long domestic career from 1997-98 to 2016-17, ventured into coaching post retirement working as a batting consultant for Bangladesh U19 men's team and IPL teams from Punjab, Bengaluru and Gujarat. But his role as an administrator which began four years ago seemed to be his calling with J&K making rapid strides at the domestic circuit. Come Sunday, 45-year-old Manhas in all likelihood will take up his biggest role as an administrator when he assumes the post of the BCCI president replacing former India cricketer Roger Binny.

"A new body is being made for the next term. Mithun Manhas is a former player and it was decided to make him the president," BCCI vice president Rajeev Shukla told journalists at the BCCI headquarters in Mumbai on Sunday. Manhas filed his nomination for the top post on the same day.

Sunday was the last day to file nomination. The election officer will announce the list of validly nominated candidates on Monday while the nominations can be withdrawn in person between 10AM and 1PM on Tuesday. It was learnt that a single nomination has been received for each post after due deliberations with BCCI stakeholders in New Delhi on Saturday. It also means all the candidates will be nominated for their respective posts in the annual general meeting scheduled on coming Sunday, September 28. BCCI incumbent secretary Devajit Saikia, who replaced Jay Shah this January, will continue in the post while Shukla will also remain as the vice president. Prabhtej Bhatia, of the Chhattisgarh State Cricket Sangh, who was elected treasurer in January, will take over as the joint-secretary, replacing Rohan Desai, former Goa Cricket Association secretary.

Mithun Manhas (2nd R) submitting his nomination on Sunday | X

Raghuram Bhat will take over as the treasurer while former Saurashtra captain Jaydev Shah may be added to the BCCI Apex Council, and will replace Mizoram's Khairul Jamal Majumdar. Majumdar in turn is likely to join the IPL Governing Council. Arun Dhumal will continue in his role as the chairman of the IPL governing council. "I have been the secretary for the last few months, my colleagues wanted me to file the nominations so I did,' Saikia told journalists. The BCCI secretary added that the Indian team for the two-Test series against the West Indies will be picked in a couple of days.

Objections on Bhajji, Bhat's eligibility for AGM rejected

Meanwhile, electoral officer AK Joti also rejected objections filed challenging eligibility of former India cricketers Harbhajan Singh and Bhat to represent their respective state associations in the AGM. Objections were raised against Bhat, Karnataka State Cricket Association president, claiming that he was one of the accused of the unfortunate stampede incident that happened on June 6 at the Chinnaswamy Stadium during victory parade of the 2025 IPL champions Royal Challengers Bengaluru.

The electoral officer observed that the case is under investigation and no chargesheet has been filed so far thus there is no question of disqualification.

Harbhajan was nominated to represent Punjab Cricket Association in the AGM but a PCA life member Rakesh Handa challenged the move claiming it to be unconstitutional. The electoral officer in his findings observed that the complainant has not been able to substantiate as to how the nomination of representation filed by Harbhajan is invalid or ineligible and hence rejected the plea.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

Arsenal score late to earn draw vs Man City

AGENCIES @ London

GABRIEL Martinelli rescued Arsenal as the Brazilian's last-gasp equaliser salvaged a 1-1 draw against Manchester City on Sunday when Pep Guardiola's defensive tactics backfired at the Emirates Stadium.

With City clinging to the lead given to them by Erling Haaland early in the first half, Guardiola made a series of unusually cautious substitutions that left his side without a recognised striker on the pitch in the closing stages.

It was the kind of rearguard action that is rarely associated with the attack-minded Guardiola, but his willingness to sacrifice his purist principles for a more pragmatic approach came back to haunt him.

It was a change made by Arsenal manager Mikel Arteta that proved decisive as Martinelli came off the bench to spare his team from a second defeat to a title rival after their loss at champions Liverpool in August.

Arsenal moved up to second place, five points behind Liverpool, while City are languishing in ninth with just two wins from their first five league matches. **Results:** Bournemouth 0-0 Newcastle; Sunderland 1-1 Aston Villa; Arsenal 1-1 Man City.

Arsenal's Gabriel Martinelli celebrates after scoring on Sunday | AFP

Mbappe on target

MADRID: In-form striker Kylian Mbappe netted again as Real Madrid beat Espanyol 2-0 on Saturday to extend their lead at the top of La Liga. Xabi Alonso's Madrid have won all five of their opening league fixtures and French superstar Mbappe has netted five goals in the top flight.

Girona crumble

Girona, which just two seasons ago finished the league in third place, remained stuck to the bottom of the standings after being humbled 4-0 at home by the promoted Levante.

'It's just a matter of time': SatChi mull title miss

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Chennai

SATWIKSAIRAJ Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty's chase for that elusive title in 2025 continues. Things were going as per script in the early stages of their latest tie on Sunday and it seemed that the title was within their reach. But their opponents on the day — Kim Won Ho and Seo Seung Jae of South Korea — highlighted just why they have been an unstoppable force this season.

After a start full of promise in the men's doubles final of the China Masters at the Shenzhen Arena, the World No 7 pair had a handy lead of 14-7 in the opening stanza. But the Koreans, the current World No 1, calmly closed the gap before going on to capture their seventh title on tour this season. The reigning world champs and All England winners won 21-19, 21-15.

Satwik and Chirag, who captured the bronze medal during the Worlds recently, themselves have been thriving in recent weeks. Coming into the final, the former World No 1 combination had swept aside all their other rivals, including World No 2 pair and arch-rivals Aaron Chia and Soh Wooi Yik, during the campaign. Their confidence was sky-high but that pales in comparison to the Koreans, who showed their capacity to survive testing times in Game 1 on the day.

In the post-match interaction with the media, Chirag touched upon the advantage that they squandered in the opening game. However, he was pleased with the overall effort.

"We played some really good badminton over the past two weeks or so. It's been really good. They've (Koreans) been playing really well, their ranking and the world title suggests the same. We had our chances at 14-7 (Game 1). Probably, we could have been steadier then. Also, credit to them, they came out with some really good badminton but we stuck there until the end. A few lucky points here and there and it (game) turned away from us. Overall, happy with the way we played but we're still hunting for the title," he said.

His partner, Satwik, spoke about confidence and how that was one of the differences between the two sides on the day. "It's all about confidence too. The way they have been playing in the last few months... it's been amazing. Going into the tie, we thought of playing good badminton. Obviously, they won't give away easy points and their defence is extraordinary. We had a plan...we maintained it till the first half. From then, they came up with a few points here and there and that confidence was visible in their game when it was 19-all. We're right up there. It's just a matter of time. It could have been a different scenario if we had captured the first game. Happy with the way we're playing and good to get back-to-back podium finishes."

With the day's outcome, the Indians have now lost twice against the Koreans so far. Indians have shown their ability to turn the tide in their favour in the past. Like Satwik says, it could be just a matter of time before they regain that title-winning touch.

Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty lost the final on Sunday | BADMINTON PHOTO

Swiatek fights back to win Korea Open

AGENCIES @ Seoul

IGA Swiatek battled back from a disastrous start to win the Korea Open on Sunday, beating Russia's Ekaterina Alexandrova 1-6, 7-6 (3), 7-5 in the final.

The World No 2 dropped the opening set after an error-strewn performance drastically out of keeping with her dominating form this week in Seoul.

World No 11 Alexandrova was two points away from winning the title but Swiatek came back to level the match after a tiebreak before finding her rhythm in the third set. The win gave the Polish six-time Grand Slam champion her third title of the season and her first ever in the South Korean capital.

Swiatek's father Tomasz competed in rowing at the 1988 Seoul Olympics and she said she was "happy that I could win here because of the family history". "My dad couldn't win the Olympics but at least I won this tournament," said the 24-year-old.

EXPRESS READ

Ganguly set for return as CAB president

KOLKATA: Former India captain Sourav Ganguly is set to return unopposed as Cricket Association of Bengal president at its annual general meeting on Monday. The entire panel led by Ganguly — Bablu Kolay (secretary), Madan Mohan Ghosh (joint-secretary), Sanjay Das (treasurer) and Anu Dutta (vice-president) — is also set to be elected unopposed.

Clinical India U19 thump Australia U19

BRISBANE: Abhigyan Kundu and Vedant Trivedi's unbeaten fifties powered India U19 to a comprehensive seven wicket win over Australia U19 in the first Youth ODI on Sunday. The target was chased with as many as 117 balls to spare, with Kundu and Trivedi the stars.

Italy defeat USA to win Billie Jean King Cup

SHENZEN (CHINA): Italy defended their Billie Jean King Cup by beating 18-time winners USA 2-0 in the final on Sunday. Italians Elisabetta Cocciaretto and World number eight Jasmine Paolini won their singles match in straight sets. This is Italy's sixth title.

CLEAN SWEEP

Sha'Carri, Lyles help US dominate 4x100m races at Worlds

AGENCIES @ Tokyo

SHA'CARRI Richardson and Noah Lyles blasted through the anchor legs of back-to-back wins in the rainy 4x100s Sunday night to close out world championships with a relay sweep for the U.S. Richardson received the baton with a .01-second deficit against Jamaica, but made it up and then held on for a .04-second margin. The winning time was 41.75 seconds. It handed teammate Melissa Jefferson-Wooden her third gold medal of the meet and sent 38-year-old Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce home with silver and her 17th medal from the worlds in a career she says is ending this year. Sydney McLaughlin-Levrone anchored the U.S. women to victory in the 4x400 and Cole Hocker won gold in the 5,000 on the best night of the meet for the United States.

The U.S. closed with 26 medals and 16 golds, a more-than-respectable total after a frustrating start. The 26 overall medals are the same number they captured in the same stadium four years ago at the Tokyo Olympics. Only seven were gold that time. Lyles teamed with Christian Coleman, Courtney Lindsey and Kenny Bednarek for his second gold to put a hold on the U.S. struggles in the relays. The U.S. won in 37.29s, .26s ahead of Canada. In fact, the Americans have a worlds winning streak — two in a row counting two years ago in Budapest. The race was run without Jamaica and its gold and silver medalists, Oblique Seville and Kishane Thompson, from the 100. This year, it was Jamaica that struggled with the baton and didn't get out of qualifying. The only miss for the U.S. involved the men's 4x400 team. It came down to a last-lap sprint between 400-hurdles champ Rai Benjamin of America and 400-flat champ Collen Kebinatshipi of Botswana. Benjamin received the baton with a .19-second lead but couldn't hold off Kebinatshipi, who beat him to the line by .07 to give emerging sprint power Botswana its first relay win in 2:57.76.

Noah Lyles of the USA (C) celebrates in the men's 4x100m relay final | AP

MEDAL TALLY

P	Country	G	S	B	Total
1	United States	16	5	5	26
2	Kenya	7	2	2	11
3	Canada	3	1	1	5
4	Netherlands	2	2	2	6
5	New Zealand	2	0	1	3

UPCOMING EXAMINATIONS

SSC CGL 2025 (TIER I) Date: September 12–26

SBI CLERK 2025 (PRELIMS) Date: September 27

RPSC AEN Date: September September 28–30

Central and West Asian countries are emerging as preferred destinations offering quality education at a fraction of the cost levied in the West, finds **Saumya Solanki**

THE NEW STUDY ABROAD MAP

campus compass

THE global education map is being redrawn. While 1.8 million Indian students pursued higher education abroad in 2024, a growing number are looking beyond the traditional lands of North America and Europe. Countries like the UAE, Saudi Arabia, Turkey, Russia, Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan, and Iran are also emerging as highly preferred destinations in the international education arena, offering a blend of quality, affordability, and opportunity.

A continental shift

"Countries like the UAE, Saudi Arabia, Turkey, and Russia are gaining popularity due to factors such as proximity, affordability, and the presence of branch campuses of prestigious institutions," explains Abhijit Zaveri, founder and Director of Career Mosaic, which represents over 750 universities worldwide. The UAE alone hosts campuses of institutions like NYU and Sorbonne, offering globally recognised degrees at a fraction of Western costs.

This shift is more than just financial pragmatism. Saurabh Arora, Founder & CEO of University Living, notes that "Dubai alone hosted more than 42,000 international students at 41 private higher-ed providers" in 2024-25, transforming from a transit stop to a final destination. "Quick admissions, close proximity, and strong employer links are making it easier for students to see a direct path from classroom to first job."

The growth is remarkable as highlighted by both the experts. Kazakhstan witnessed a 211.9% increase in Indian student enrollment, jumping from 3,855 in 2022 to 12,020 by early 2025, making Indians one of the largest international student cohorts in the country. Russia attracted over 31,000 Indian students last year, primarily in medicine, while Turkey is drawing attention for affordable English-taught master's programs.

Beyond cost

While affordability opens doors, other factors seal decisions. "Cost is only the starting point," Saurabh emphasises. "Families increasingly ask about safety on the ground, especially for women. Language is another decisive factor; Community also plays a role." For students like Faizan Aisha, pursuing MBBS at Kerman University of Medical Sciences in Iran, cultural connection matters as much as cost. "As Kashmiris, our roots are deeply influenced by Iran, its language, culture, literature, and intellectual traditions. This cultural affinity makes Iran a dream destination for many of us."

However, apart from the cultural and social factors, Iran's medical education system impressed Faizan's family with its rigour: "After completing the basic 2.5 years, students must clear the Basic Science exam to progress to the physiopath stage. This exam, as far as I know, is unique to Iran and not conducted anywhere else in the world." The multiple filtration levels convinced them of the system's commitment to producing competent doctors.

For Shreshth Sharma, currently headed to Russia for his MA in International Relations through the Russian Government Quota, the appeal lies in academic perspective. "The exciting bit about studying IR in Russia is simply how different the country's history and its strategic culture have been from the West," he explains. "Rather than just looking at the country from outside, getting to study there myself seems much more exciting."

What brochures don't tell

There is no doubt that the transnational education model is reshaping opportunities. Branch campuses are evolving beyond mere extensions, developing their own research ecosystems while maintaining degree parity with parent institutions. However, verification remains crucial. "Confirm that accreditation and degree parity are guaranteed," Saurabh advises. "Look at the faculty mix: are core professors permanently based on campus or just visiting?" Living costs vary significantly across the region. In Dubai, shared housing starts at AED 1,500 monthly, while private apartments range from AED 2,500 to AED 5,000. Security deposits, agency fees, and utility connections add to initial expenses, making early planning essential.

Iran presents different challenges. Faizan manages with a monthly budget of around 20,000 INR, but sanctions complicate daily life. "You often need reliable VPNs to stay connected... Travel can also be complicated since most international booking sites don't accept cards issued in Iran." Despite these hurdles, he's impressed by Iranian warmth: "When saying goodbye, they use phrases like KHASTT NA BAASHI, meaning, "Never Be Tired".' Small gestures like these reflect their respect and kindness."

Career pathways

Post-study opportunities vary dramatically. The UAE leads with its 'Golden Visa program' and 120-day Jobseeker visa, for graduates. "Dubai clearly leads because its policies are designed to retain talent rather than lose it," Saurabh observes. Turkey offers work permits for graduates and doctoral students with planning, while Qatar requires employer sponsorship to switch into a work residence.

The growing economic ties between India and Central Asian countries are creating new employment opportunities. "Graduates from these countries can benefit from growing economic ties between India and these regions," notes Zaveri.

Navigating challenges

Geopolitical concerns remain valid. Sanctions and visa restrictions related fears can be difficult for families, but students willing to navigate these challenges often find unique academic programs and cultural experiences unavailable elsewhere.

The key lies in thorough preparation. Saurabh's checklist is clear: "Recognition, language requirements, and employer access." His biggest red flag? "Vague promises. If accreditation, internships, or licensing details are 'to be confirmed' or not in writing, walk away."

Making the right choice

As Zaveri notes, "An increasing number of Indian students are opting for non-traditional study destinations. This trend highlights a growing demand for affordable yet high-quality education options that provide strong career prospects."

For families considering these destinations, experts unanimously emphasise starting with clear goals. "Always start with the end goal," Saurabh advises. "Ask yourself: will this country let me legally study, intern, and then work in the sector I want, using the language I know?"

The decision framework should weigh program recognition, cultural compatibility, post-study opportunities, and overall costs. As traditional Western destinations become increasingly expensive and competitive, Central and West Asia offer compelling alternatives for quality education with strong returns on investment.

GLOBAL FRONTIERS, INDIAN FOOTPRINTS

ACROSS THE MIDDLE EAST AND BEYOND, THESE INDIAN NAMES HAVE BECOME SYNONYMOUS WITH BUSINESS SUCCESS

UNITED ARAB EMIRATES (UAE)
M A YUSUFF ALI
Chairman and Managing Director of LuLu Group International

MICKY JAGTIANI
Founder of Landmark Group

SAUDI ARABIA
B RAVI PILLAI
Founder & Chairman RP Group (although based in Dubai)

QATAR
RAGHAVAN SEETHARAMAN
former CEO of Doha Bank

ABDURAHIMAN E P
Founder and Chairman of Care n Cure Group of Companies

RUSSIA
VIKRAM PUNIA
Sole owner of Russian pharmaceutical company Pharmasyntez

RITUALS & REALITIES

Ancient practices and modern surprises meet in everyday student experiences abroad

CULTURE

EVERY country in Central and West Asia carries unique traditions that stay with students long after their degree. In Russia, matryoshka, or Russian nesting dolls, represent peasant life, while Subbotnik shows the spirit of collective voluntary work on Saturdays following the October Revolution. The UAE is home to Al-Sadu, a Bedouin weaving craft, and its long history of pearl diving still reflects in its cuisine. Turkey thrives on a tea culture, where endless glasses are offered as a sign of warmth. The tradition of askıda ekmek (suspended bread) ensures those in need always have food. Qatar has its own unique greetings, with men touching noses to show mutual respect. In Uzbekistan, tea ceremonies follow a three-pour ritual before taking the first sip of the tea. Iran's Nowruz celebrations bring families together with feasts, music and poetry.

CULTURAL SHOCKS

BUT alongside traditions, students also face surprises that take some getting used to. In Russia, smiling at strangers is uncommon, and respect is shown by using full names with patronymics instead of honorifics like Mr. or Ms. In the UAE, the weekend falls on Friday to Saturday, and public transport is so quiet it can feel strange for those used to crowded Indian metros.

In Saudi Arabia, gender segregation still shapes everyday spaces like restaurants and offices. Qatar considers showing the soles of shoes disrespectful, while falcons boarding flights can be an unusual and shocking sight. Iran introduces students to Tarof, where refusing food, tea, or even payment several times is expected before acceptance. In Turkey, water is poured behind departing travellers for good luck, and kahve falı, or coffee fortune reading by studying patterns of coffee residue, is a cherished cultural ritual. And in Uzbekistan, mishandling good luck bread, such as placing it upside down, is seen as bad luck.

Top courses shaping the region's educational landscape

BEYOND THE USUAL DESTINATIONS, THESE COUNTRIES ARE CARVING A NICHE IN SPECIALISED FIELDS OF STUDY, ATTRACTING STUDENTS FROM ACROSS THE GLOBE.

UAE
- Artificial Intelligence and Computer Science
- Renewable Energy and Engineering
- Hospitality and Tourism Management

SAUDI ARABIA
- Engineering and Technology
- Business & Management
- Architecture and Urban Planning

RUSSIA
- Medicine
- Engineering
- Arts and Humanities

QATAR
- Business Administration
- Healthcare and Medical Sciences
- Mass Communications

UZBEKISTAN
- Medical Education (MBBS)
- Philology
- Education and Teaching

IRAN
- Medicine
- Social Sciences and Cultural Studies
- Natural Sciences

The cost of a degree

A LOOK AT HOW TUITION FEES COMPARE ACROSS UNDERGRADUATE & POSTGRADUATE PROGRAMMES

	UNDERGRADUATE	POSTGRADUATE
UAE	$14,600	$17,700
Iran	$3,750	$3,000
Russia	$2,700	$4,100
Uzbekistan	$2,250	$3,300
Saudi Arabia	$6,000	$9,500
Turkey	$1,000	$225

Tuition figures are annual averages, with approximate USD equivalents shown using current conversion rates. All values are rounded for readability.

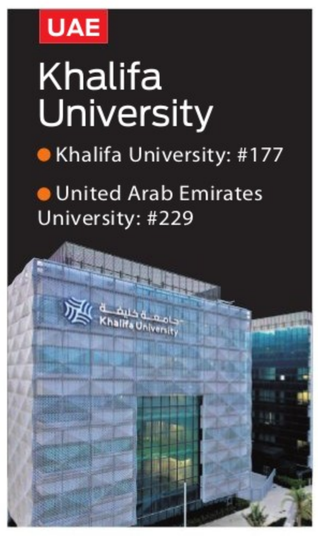
top picks

Leading campuses across the region

A look at the highest-ranked universities in the UAE, Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Russia, Turkey and Kazakhstan, as per QS 2025

SAUDI ARABIA
King Fahd University of Petroleum & Minerals
King Fahd University of Petroleum & Minerals (KFUPM): #67
King Saud University: #143

KAZAKHSTAN
Al-Farabi Kazakh National University
Al-Farabi Kazakh National University: #166
L N Gumilyov Eurasian National University (ENU): #317



RUSSIA
Lomonosov Moscow State University
Lomonosov Moscow State University: #105
Bauman Moscow State Technical University: #320

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DAY'S DIARY

New TV drama

On this day in 1976, Executive Producers Aaron Spelling and Leonard Goldberg introduced the world to *Charlie's Angels*

THE PLOT

A trio of elite private investigators unleash their skills to track down a kidnapped billionaire-to-be and keep his top-secret voice-identification software out of lethal hands

SEASON ONE

Season one was the first season of the 1970s television series, *Charlie's Angels*. The season starred Kate Jackson, Farrah Fawcett-Majors, Jaclyn Smith

MOVIE ADAPTATION

The *Charlie's Angels* film series consists of three main movies: the 2000 one, its 2003 sequel *Charlie's Angels: Full Throttle*, and a 2019 reboot

A curated guide to happenings in the city

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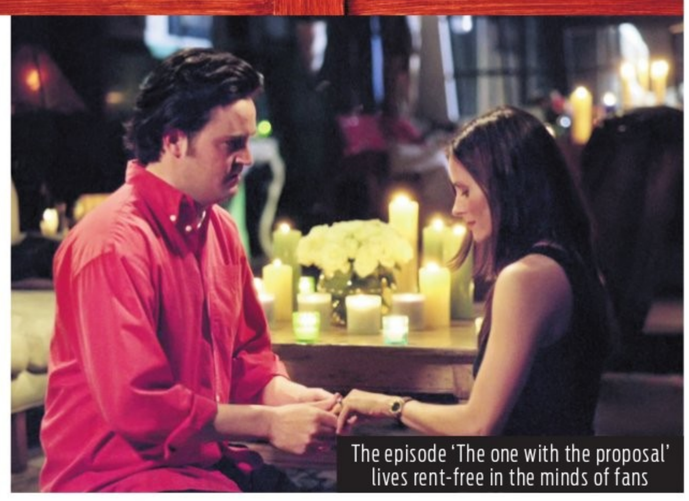
F.R.I.E.N.D.S Forever

Whether you're moving out, landing your first job, falling in love or dealing with a heartbreak, this iconic sitcom which turns 31 today continues to make young adults laugh, cry and everything in between



The episode 'The one with the proposal' lives rent-free in the minds of fans

ANJALI RAM

OVER three decades ago, a group of 20-something friends living in New York City – each figuring out their own lives – made life easier with their quirks, shared love and laughter. From iconic hairstyles and catchy phrases to awkward romances and heartwarming moments, the show *F.R.I.E.N.D.S* with Monica, Rachel, Chandler, Joey and Phoebe captured something universal: the essence of adulthood and friendship.

Fast forward to today, and the spirit of the show lives on, not just in reruns and memes, but in the hearts of fans across Bengaluru who still turn to it for comfort, escape, or simply a good laugh after a long day. "*F.R.I.E.N.D.S* was the first sitcom I ever watched; it still speaks to me on an emotional level as I always find bits of myself in one character or the other and I feel the situations they go through," says Aiswarya Ghosh, a sales associate. Anjitha Eldho, a PR executive, agrees, adding, "Their fights are like ours. It portrays the real side of friendship. Take, for instance, Monica and Rachel's body image issues, it is something universal."

In a world that is constantly evolving, *F.R.I.E.N.D.S* offers a sense of familiarity, a reminder that while jobs may change and relationships may falter, the right people will always stay. As senior executive Ishwarya Lakshmi notes, "It's not preachy. At a time when everything feels overly complicated, it assures that life isn't always perfect, and that's okay. That's why friendship is important, it gives you something simple, which we all lack and long for."

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>
> Ishwarya Lakshmi, senior accounts executive

You are my lobster

What is that scene that stays close to heart of Bengalureans? Chandler proposing to Monica is the most favourite pick. The show gives hope to friendship and love, according to many. "Rather than being flashy, it is real, supportive and beautiful. That scene actually gave me hope during one of my lowest phases, that one day I'd have my own 'Mondler' moment... and eventually, I did," laughs Ghosh.

Purvick HM, a researcher, adds, "Watching Monica and Chandler's journey – how they balance love and humour, navigating life's challenges showed me what a strong, loving relationship looks like – something I truly admire and aspire to have in my own life."

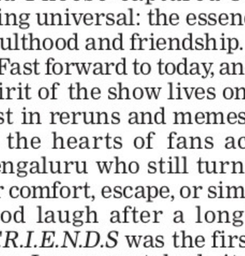
Surprisingly, besides Rachel's popular hairstyle, many pick Phoebe's offbeat style as their favourite. "Phoebe was never just about being chic; it shows her carefree attitude – she had a quirky way of dressing. Just like how she confidently puts a flower on her dress after something spills on it. That's something only she can pull off," points out Eldho.

Despite these funny moments and iconic styles, some plotlines didn't and still don't go down well with fans. Like the Joey-Rachel romance narrative. "Their bond was more natural as friends. It also complicated Joey's friendship with Ross in a way that didn't feel true to his loyal and supportive character," Purvick adds.

Whether you're moving out, landing your first job, falling in love or dealing with a heartbreak, watching *F.R.I.E.N.D.S* feels like a comfort zone. "It is about a bond everyone dreams of, which makes the show iconic," says student Bhoomi Prithvi Raj. "I watched it during Covid, and it became my source of companionship. It has taught me how to maintain friendship and made me realise that not everything in life has to be serious all the time," she adds.

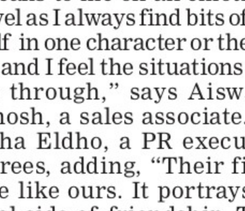
CITY READ

Cantonese cuisine restaurant chain opens first outlet in B'luru



Royal China has opened its doors in UB City on Vittal Mallya Road, marking the brand's entry to the city. First launched in India in 2003 by Neville and Michelle Vazifdar, following its success in London, the restaurant has since become known for authentic Cantonese cuisine across Mumbai, Delhi, Kolkata and Pune. The new outlet continues the legacy with signature dishes such as crispy aromatic duck with pancakes, prawn dumplings, steamed sea bass, lobster in black pepper sauce and chocolate dim sum, along with vegan, gluten-free and Jain-friendly options. A curated beverage programme featuring wines, spirits, teas and cocktails compliments the menu.

Children's literature festival hosts its ninth edition over the weekend



Bringing alive books, stories and conversations around the theme 'Stories Make Us Human', a children's literature fest – the Neev Literature Festival was recently conducted in the city. The ninth edition was hosted at the Neev Academy campus in Yemalur, on September 20 and 21. The event hosted 80 delegates, including author Uma Krishnaswami, alongside 134 sessions for children, parents and educators. Over 2,000 curated titles were available for purchase at the children's book marketplace. Additionally, there were book launches, book interactions, book signings, masterclasses and a book-based quiz.

Dressed to the Nines

Whether it's a high-energy garba night or a low-key family gathering, these style tips will keep you looking trendy and put together throughout ten days and nine nights of Dasara and Navratri festivities

MAHIMA NAGARAJU

WITH the festive season of Dasara starting today, it's going to be all about binging on sweets, celebrating with family and friends, twirling the night away at garba events and pandal hopping. With a packed social calendar, what does one wear to stay looking stylish and fresh throughout the night?

According to image consultant, Leema Bernard Viji, fashion forward youngsters have found the answer to achieving mobility, comfort and style, not in a typical ghaghra but in Afghan kurtas. "They are long, have a lot of mirror work and can be worn stylishly even if you're not the slimmest person. I've been seeing these along with cotton or mulmul kurtas with traditional embroidery and mirror work from Kutch being worn. Youngsters are mixing traditions by wearing them with jeans or ghagras that have side slits to allow easy movement."

Men, too, are elevating their traditional looks with simple changes, as personal stylist Aryan G Naidu notes, "Bangalore boys aren't settling for cookie-cutter kurtas anymore. They're layering with bandhgalas and asymmetrical jackets, styling dhotis with Kolhapuris or clean sneakers, and experimenting with tone-on-tone monochromes. Add a textured fabric or embroidered collar and you've got that quiet standout energy."

The most noticeable difference compared to last year in terms of colours and fabrics is a preference for toned down subtlety. As designer Mayank Modi explains, "People are looking for usability more than just the ocassion. They are going for versatile printed kurtas and long-lasting handwoven fabrics. They're also pairing trendy retro print kurtas with classy pajama pants instead of the typical patiala pants."

Stunning in a saree

If you want to don a saree, light and airy fabrics being popularised by Bollywood celebrities are in, according to personal stylist and image consultant Gayathri Sreekumar. "Sheer fabrics, organza and georgette, are becoming popular, especially after Janhvi Kapoor and Alia Bhatt sported them," she says.

For making a statement with your saree look, Viji suggests doing so with a trendy blouse. "It is the star in any Navratri get up. Even if you wear a plain chiffon saree in the colour of the day, a maximalist, handmade blouse can make the look festival-ready," she says, adding, "Many are opting for longer sleeves with shell embellishments or embroidery work on them. Even if they're wearing something backless, the sleeves are longer."

Belts are also a great way to add snaz as Naidu says. "Ditch chunky kamarbandhs for sleek metallic belts. Fabric tie-belts that match the blouse and structured leather cinchers are in. Chain belts are creeping in for those who want just a whisper of edge," he says.

Glow that lasts

Fresh, glowy, makeup looks continue to be trendy, with a dash of glitter for a festive look. Makeup artist Rashida Pavthiwala recommends keeping it minimal with 'blush, a tint on your eyes and lips, no harsh winged eyeliner or kajal, and a bit of mascara'. To achieve a dewy look that can withstand pandal hopping and the sweat of dancing, she has a trick up her sleeve. "A lot of glowy makeup looks will run down your face because it has not been set with powder. You can eliminate the need for powder by using a good primer first, followed by an illuminator like a strobe cream in gold or champagne shades and a very sheer coverage foundation. Finally, set it with a hydrating setting spray and your makeup will stay in place."

Accessories Galore

Make a statement with hair accessories this season compared to the casual free-flowing looks of last year. Sreekumar says, "Brass ornaments for hair are trendy. Metallic threads also add that sparkle." She adds, "Potlis are making a comeback as attachments to skirts". Naidu adds, "Bags are getting smaller – potlis, mini-slings, embellished clutches. Hair pins and clips with pearls or floral motifs are back for the soft-glam vibe." Men are not shying away from jewellery either, according to Modi, who says, "Bracelets, studs in piercings, leather-based neckpieces are some accessory options for men. Nowadays, we have different coloured beads like green emerald, blue sapphire mixed with rudrakshi mala which looks classy."

(Clockwise from top) Katrina Kaif sports a full-sleeve blouse, Khushi Kapoor in a sheer saree, Rohit Saraf layering a statement jacket with a simple shirt, Riteish Deshmukh rocking bold prints

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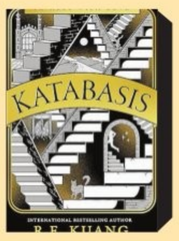
SHAPE OF GOODNESS

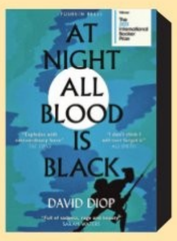
Take a look at the popular fruit pear, which Homer describes in his work, *The Odyssey*, as a gift from the gods

BOOK NOOK



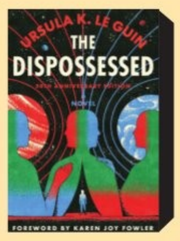
Katabasis
By RF Kuang

Grad student Alice Law has only ever had one goal – to become the brightest mind in the field of analytic magick. But the only person who can make her dream come true is dead and, inconveniently, in Hell. And Alice, along with her biggest rival Peter Murdoch, is going after him.



At Night All Blood Is Black
by David Diop

Set during World War I, this haunting novella follows a Senegalese rifleman whose grief transforms into violence, raising harrowing questions about war, madness, and humanity.



The Dispossessed
by Ursula K Le Guin

A visionary classic of science fiction that tells the story of a physicist torn between two worlds, one anarchist and one capitalist, and his search for true freedom.

Things We Lost in the Fire
by Mariana Enríquez

A collection of haunting short stories rooted in Buenos Aires, fusing horror with social commentary on class, violence, and repression.

CANVAS WALK

Visitors take a glimpse of 'Colourful Whispers', an art exhibition hosted by KITES Senior Care on World Alzheimer's Day at Devaraj Urs Gallery | KEVIN NASHON

QUICKFIX

CORIANDER DAL

INGREDIENTS

- **Toor dal:** 1 cup
- **Green chilli:** 4
- **Coriander leaves:** 1/2 cup
- **Oil:** 1 tbsp
- **Masoor dal:** 1/2 cup
- **Dry red chilli:** 2
- **Ginger:** 1 inch
- **Jeera:** 1 tsp
- **Tomato:** 1

METHOD

- Soak the dals for half an hour. Add chopped tomato and two slit green chillies and pressure cook for three whistles. Mash the cooked dal.
- In a mixer, grind the coriander leaves, two green chillies, and ginger, to a fine paste by adding little water. You can add a few mint leaves too.
- In a pan, add oil and jeera. Then, add two red chillies. Add the mashed dal and coriander paste. Mix well.
- Add salt and allow it to boil for three minutes. Add water to adjust consistency.
- Garnish with chopped coriander leaves and serve.

Contributed by **Radhika Madhavan,** Chennai

ASK AN XPERT

DR VIVEK ARORA

The expert is a senior veterinarian, Crown Vet, Delhi

How often should a rabbit be taken to the vet, and are vaccinations required? Or does it change with age?

In the Indian context, it is advisable to bring your rabbit for a veterinary check-up at least once a year to monitor overall health. While routine vaccinations are not commonly administered to rabbits in India, regular examinations are essential to detect issues such as dental problems, gastrointestinal disturbances, or parasitic infections – particularly given the risks posed by heat and humidity. Younger rabbits may require more frequent assessments during their developmental stages. In areas where viral outbreaks have been reported, consult your veterinarian regarding available preventive measures or vaccinations. Early intervention and routine care significantly contribute to a rabbit's long-term well-being.

FITBIT

5 BEST DIET TIPS TO KEEP YOURSELF HEALTHIER

When it comes to nutrition and weight management, the internet is overflowing with quick-fix diet plans and promises of fast results. Many of these rely on eliminating entire food groups or extreme restrictions, which may work in the short term but are rarely sustainable. The truth is, lasting health and fitness come from simple, consistent habits that support the body over time. Here are five evidence-based diet tips to help you stay healthy and maintain balance.

1. CUT DOWN ON SUGAR AND REFINED CARBS:

Added sugar and refined carbohydrates are major contributors to weight gain and lifestyle-related diseases such as diabetes and heart problems. Sodas, packaged juices, candies, white bread and pasta can cause rapid spikes in blood sugar and hunger. Replacing them with nutrient-rich options like fruits, oats, quinoa, barley, and other whole grains provides energy, keeps you fuller for longer, and reduces cravings. Choosing complex carbohydrates over refined ones is one of the most effective ways to support long-term health.

2. STAY PHYSICALLY ACTIVE:

Diet alone is rarely enough for sustainable weight management. Regular physical activity helps burn calories, improves cardiovascular health and boosts mood. This doesn't have to mean intense workouts; walking, jogging, swimming, cycling, or playing a sport are equally effective when done consistently. The key is to find an activity you enjoy, so that staying active becomes part of your lifestyle rather than a chore. Exercise also enhances metabolism and helps preserve lean muscle mass.

3. INCLUDE PROTEINS, HEALTHY FATS, AND FIBER:

Balanced nutrition means making space for all macronutrients. Protein-rich foods like eggs, legumes and lean meats support muscle health and reduce snacking by keeping you fuller for longer. Healthy fats from sources such as nuts, seeds, olive oil and avocados help manage cravings and provide essential nutrients. Fiber from vegetables, fruits and whole grains supports digestion and maintains satiety. Starting the day with a protein- and fiber-rich breakfast is an effective way to avoid mid-morning hunger and unnecessary snacking.

4. STAY HYDRATED:

Adequate hydration is essential for overall health and plays a role in weight control. Research shows that people who drink enough water tend to have a lower body mass index compared to those who are chronically dehydrated. Drinking a glass of water before meals can also reduce overeating by promoting a sense of fullness.

5. PRACTICE MINDFUL EATING:

It's easy to eat quickly or while distracted. Mindful eating involves slowing down, paying attention to each bite, and recognising when you feel full. This simple practice reduces overeating, supports digestion, and helps build a healthier relationship with food.

By Madhura Paroolkar, nutrition expert, cult – a fitness and wellness platform

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WHATWHENWHYWHERE

Puzzle Adventure

Looking for an adventure? Dive into this immersive 50-minute challenge where you will work together with strangers to solve puzzles, unravel mysteries, and unlock the secrets of the escape room.

WHEN: September 22, 1pm | **WHERE:** Dare 2 Escape, Kalyan Nagar | **DETAILS:** allevents.in

Food and Mood

Craving something healthy? Join this hands-on workshop and learn layer, drizzle, to style your very own power-packed bowl using fresh veggies, grains, proteins, superfoods, and crunchy toppings. From zesty Buddha bowls to colourful smoothie blends, you will discover how to balance flavours, textures, and nutrients.

WHEN: September 22, 8pm
WHERE: La Grace, Koramangala
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

Timeless Tradition

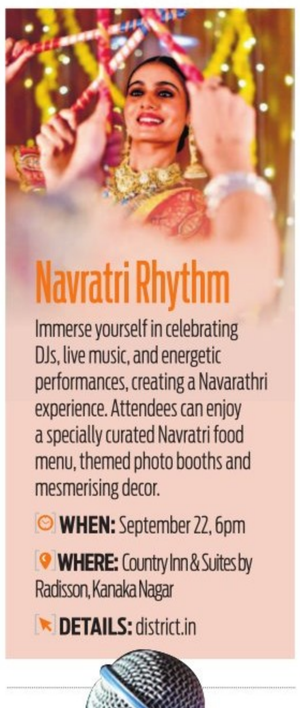
Step into an exhibition that brings together a curated selection of miniature artworks that reflect India's cultural and artistic tradition. This exhibition and sale showcases a curated treasury of miniature painting folios collected by the Virji family over decades.

WHEN: September 22, 10am onwards
WHERE: Gallery G, Ashok Nagar
CALL: 80504 54405

Cuddle Craft

Unleash your creativity at this interactive plus toy workshop and take home your handmade plushie friend. Learn the basics of stitching, stuffing, and designing at this beginner-friendly workshop as you bring your very own soft toy to life.

WHEN: September 22, 11am onwards
WHERE: Know How, Jayanagar
DETAILS: highape.com



Navratri Rhythm

Immerse yourself in celebrating DJs, live music, and energetic performances, creating a Navarathri experience. Attendees can enjoy a specially curated Navratri food menu, themed photo booths and mesmerising decor.

WHEN: September 22, 6pm
WHERE: Country Inn & Suites by Radisson, Kanaka Nagar
DETAILS: district.in

Joke Hour

Get along with your friends, family, enemies, random strangers or by yourself for an absurd, edgy, and funny evening as these city regulars try to crack you up with their jokes. Add some food and beverages to the mix, and the evening promises to be one to remember.

WHEN: September 22, 9pm
WHERE: Ministry of Comedy, Koramangala
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

Circus Magic

Get ready to experience a blend of acrobatics, stunts, and live performances designed to entertain audiences of a all ages. Featuring skilled performers, the show combines traditional circus elements with modern acts.

WHEN: September 22, 4pm | **WHERE:** Olympian Circus Begur, Akshayanagara | **DETAILS:** bookmyshow.com

ARTCORNER

IN A WHIMSICAL WORLD

Artist Muhammed Sajid sketches a wobbly double-decker on a Thiruvananthapuram street

SHAPE OF GOODNESS

CE takes a look at the popular fruit pear, which Homer describes in his work, *The Odyssey*, as a gift from the gods

KRISHNA P S

A gift from the gods. That's how Homer described the pear in his epic work, The Odyssey. But what the ancient Greek poet described is but one of the nearly 3,000 varieties that this popular fruit tree exist in the world.

The variant Homer described is smaller, harder and less sweet than the usual ones. Perhaps that's why the Greeks and later the Romans consumed pears after cooking them. A fermented alcoholic drink was also made from pears, just like how cider is made from apples. It's called Perry.

Romans, credited with discovering many varieties of pears, also contributed much to their cultivation across the world. Though the taste varies by region, pears are generally sweet and juicy, and characterised by their floral, almost vanilla-esque fragrance.

On the other side of the globe, the Chinese were the biggest cultivators of the pear. They had been at it since 2000 BC, and today, China is the world's largest producer, accounting for more than 70 per cent of global production, followed by the US and Argentina.

India is the tenth largest producer of pears. Since it's a temperate fruit, the cultivation is confined to hilly terrains of Jammu and Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand. Rarely is it cultivated in South Indian states. That said, many hilly regions in the South have also been producing the fruit in recent times.

It is said that pears first arrived in India from China. Later, European varieties, too, reached our shores. Both are starkly different – in taste, texture, fragrance, and even shape. While Asian pear varieties are more round, the European ones are pear-shaped.

Whatever the variety, pears are highly nutritious. It is rich in fibres, Vitamin C and K. It's also a good source of Potassium and Copper. Studies have shown that pears have anti-inflammatory properties.

Here, let's indulge in a bit on this wondrous fruit.

PICKLED PEARS

INGREDIENTS
- Lemon: 1
- Cloves: 10
- Black peppercorns: 2 tsp (lightly crushed)
- Allspice or Kebabchini: 1 tsp (lightly crushed)
- Ginger: 5cm piece (sliced)
- Cider: 1 litre
- Cinnamon: 2 sticks
- Fine caster sugar: 1kg
- Small pears: 2kg

Method: Peel the zest from the lemon and put it in a pan with the cloves, peppercorns, allspice, root ginger, lemon juice, vinegar, cinnamon sticks and sugar. Stir over a medium heat until the sugar dissolves. Peel the pears and remove the core. Add them to the pan and simmer for 15 mins, until they become tender. Spoon out the pears and drain the liquid from them. Increase the heat and boil for 15 mins until the syrup slightly thickens. Keep the fruits in a jar and pour hot syrup into it. Store in a cool, dry place for a month.

PEAR JAM

INGREDIENTS
- Pear: 1 kg (peeled and cored)
- Sugar: 1-1 ¼ cup
- Lemon juice: 2 tbsp
- Cinnamon: 2 inches
- Cinnamon powder: ¼ tsp
- Ginger: ½ tbsp (grated)
- Lemon zest: 1 tbsp

Method: Wash two jars thoroughly and sterilise them in boiling water for 8 minutes. Chop the pear into small pieces and coat them with lemon. Add sugar and spices, mix well. Rest it in the fridge for at least two hours/overnight.

Cook the jam for 15 minutes on medium-low heat until soft and translucent. Mash the pears slightly for a pulpy jam or blend them. Stir frequently to avoid caramelisation.

When the jam turns glossy, it is ready. Transfer hot jam to clean, dry jars. Seal and turn the jars upside down. Keep them at room temperature for 12 hours. Now, transfer to a fridge or freezer.

PEAR UPSIDE-DOWN CAKE

Method: Pour melted butter into a 9-inch square baking pan. Sprinkle nuts and brown sugar on it. Arrange pears over the nuts. In a large bowl, mix softened butter and sugar until it turns light and fluffy for about 5 to 7 minutes.

In another bowl, add egg and molasses and mix well. Combine the flour, ginger, cinnamon, salt, baking powder and baking soda into it, and mix well. Now, add it to the creamed mixture alternately with water, while beating well. Spread batter over the pears in the pan. Bake at 350°F for 35-40 minutes. Cool for 10 minutes before inverting onto a serving plate.

INGREDIENTS
- Butter, melted: 1/2 cup (melted)
- Walnuts: 1/2 cup (coarsely chopped)
- Brown sugar: 1/4 cup
- Pears: 2 (large, peeled and sliced)
- Butter: 1/2 cup (softened)
- Sugar: 1/3 cup
- Egg: 1 large (room temperature)
- Molasses: 1/3 cup
- All-purpose flour: 1-1/2 cups
- Ground ginger: 3/4 tsp
- Ground cinnamon: 3/4 tsp
- Salt: 1/2 tsp
- Baking powder: 1/2 tsp
- Baking soda: 1/4 tsp
- Warm water: 1/2 cup
- Ice cream: optional

RED WINE PEAR

INGREDIENTS
- Orange: 2 (sweet ones)
- Small pears: 6 (ripe but firm)
- Red wine: 2 cups
- Honey: ¼ cup
- Sugar: 3 tbsp
- Cinnamon stick: 1
- Ground cardamom: ¼ tsp

Method: Take the zest of the orange skin and juice one of them. Pour the juice into a bowl. Slice the remaining orange into small rounds. Peel the skin off the pears. Add them to the bowl with the orange juice and let it coat the fruit.

Prepare a pot. Add the orange slices, red wine, honey, sugar, cinnamon stick, and cardamom to it. Over medium-high heat, bring the liquid to a boil, then lower the heat and add the pears and orange juice. Cover and let it simmer gently (20-30 mins).

Occasionally, mix them by rotating using a wooden spoon. When the pears have softened, transfer the pears to the bowl. Simmer the remaining liquid for a few minutes till it thickens. Let the pears sit in the poaching liquid until they cool down. Serve it with a little bit of the syrup on top.

COME SEPTEMBER

SEPTEMBER is when where I miss both my mothers tremendously, as they both decided to check out in the same month. My mother-in-law was a petite and beautiful woman, who broke many barriers before her time, and my mother, was tall, gorgeous and a warrior princess. Two women were diametrically different, but yet they were so achingly similar in their personalities and unconditional love that they displayed with aplomb. My mom-in-law decided she wanted to be an actor in the days where it was frowned upon, yet she determinedly travelled to Mumbai with her mother and sisters in tow, and my mom was determined to be a doctor in the days when 'woman-education' was considered to be a blasphemy! Two strong-willed women who refused to be curtailed by their circumstances and who went forth and lived life as empowered loving individuals, fierce wives, fiercer moms and adored grandparents.

For them empowerment stemmed from their hearth and homes, and though they too worked, they never had to choose between one and the other. Honestly, I don't know how they did it, but they did. The striking similarities in both my homes, my parental home and my in-law's home was that there was always an abundance of food! I never baulked at inviting a hoard of my friends in either of my homes to enjoy a meal with us. Magically the pots never emptied and both my 'moms' would magically ensure that everyone was fed! Both of them hailed from the NW Frontier, so we were happily privy to all kinds of cooking techniques. Grilling, basting, slow-cooking (dum-cooking), and other such fanciful styles of conjuring up magic with one's food were something we saw on a daily basis. Mind you we were living in Mumbai, but our unstoppable mothers would recreate and sometimes reinvent cooking styles so we could marvel at their expertise!

RUBINATIONS
Rubi Chakravarti
Writer, actor and funny girl

Chef Rajesh Wadhwa & Taronish Karkaria

Masalas and their ilk were hand-pounded in huge wooden mortar and pestles by traditional Maharashtrian women who came in from the surrounding villages once a year. Everything was in large quantities like our mothers were feeding some imaginary army. But we loved it! The food at my home was often slightly 'angrezi', but when mom went into NW Frontier mode things got serious! My mom-in-law was an ace at all types of Indian food, and she would often re-create her childhood dishes with a passion and love that belied those delicate hands and Dior glasses. I remember going with the whole 'jing-bang' to Lonavala (a pretty hill station) where my mom-in-law had marinated a huge cauldron of mutton with her secret spices! The househelp (she travelled with her platoon) dug a pit and filled it with coal and the cauldron was placed on it and covered. The stew simmered all night and I can still savour that heavenly taste in my mouth sometimes.

I hopped across to Loya at the Taj West End to meet up with executive chef of the Loya brand, Rajesh Wadhwa and I had the best time of my life! Chef Wadhwa and I traded stories about the history of cooking, especially with indigenous products. And since Loya serves North Indian food, reviving lost recipes and using traditional cooking techniques like 'dhungar' (smoking) baghar (tempering) and slow-cooking, it was fascinating! It was the month of September…both my moms must be smiling!

(The writer's views are personal)

NUGGET

Orientation programme highlights autonomy benefits for students and faculty

AMC Engineering College recently conducted an Orientation Programme on Autonomy to explain the benefits, opportunities, and responsibilities of autonomous status for students and faculty. The event included BE Rangaswamy, registrar, VTU, Rahul Kalluri, executive vice president, AMC Institutions, Mohan Babu G, director, AMC Institutions, along with the principal, vice principal, academic advisor, deans, heads of departments, faculties, and students. The principal welcomed the guests and outlined the college's vision, infrastructure, and commitment to skill-building, research, and entrepreneurship. Speakers highlighted India's achievements, milestones and the role of autonomy in promoting industry-ready curriculum, experiential learning, internships, and innovation. The programme also recognised student achievers and concluded with guidance on learning, teamwork, social responsibility, and nation-building.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
CHANGE OF NAME

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **KISHAN SUNILBHAI BARAI** S/o. **Sunilbhai Jayantibhai / Sunil Barai** (Alias), Residing at F.No.1103, Hibiscus Block, Oceanus Greendale Apartments, Hoyasalanagar, Ramamurthy nagar, Bengaluru -560 016, have changed my name to **KISHAN SUNIL BARAI** Vide affidavit dated: 20.09.2025. Before Notary **K.V.Mani** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, HITHESH MADIKERI PANCHAKSHARI, residing at #17, 2nd Main, 2nd Cross, Annapurneshwari Layout, J.P.Nagar 7th Phase, Bengaluru 560062, declare that my name in bifurcated form is written and read as Given Name: **HITHESH** and Sur Name: **MADIKERI PANCHAKSHARI,** vide Affidavit Dated: 19/09/2025, sworn before Notary MEER HASSAN, Bengaluru.

AFFIDAVIT
I, **CHRISTOPHER,** S/o Late Dominic, age 40 years, R/at No.4, 9th Cross, R.M. Nagar, Kalkari Main Road, V.T.C. Bengaluru North, Dooravaninagar, Bengaluru-560 016 do hereby declare that my correct name is CHRISTOPHER but in my Passport my name is wrongly mentioned as **CHRISTOPHER DOMINIC** instead of **CHRISTOPHER,** vide affidavit dated 19-09-2025, sworn before Advocate and Notary **P.N. NAGESHA** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **PUNEETH LAKSHMINARAYANA,** S/o Lakshmi Narayana Rao, age 36 years, R/at No.9, Vasupradha Heights Flat No. 203, 2nd Floor, 5th West Main, ITI Colony, Kathriguppe, Bengaluru-560 085 do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **PUNEETH LAKSHMI NARAYANA RAO** to **PUNEETH LAKSHMINARAYANA,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **PUNEETH LAKSHMINARAYANA** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 18th Sept. 2025, sworn before Advocate and Notary **GANGARAJU .B.N** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, ADITI KOTTUR (DOB: 02-09-2006) D/o Mr. Sudhindra Kottur, Resident of: #59, 'Ananta Nilaya', Road-I, Defence Layout, Near Devi Circle, Jelly Machine Stop, Vidyaranyapura, Bengaluru-560097, have changed my name from **ADITI KOTTUR to ADITI SUDHINDRA KOTTUR** vide Affidavit Dated 20-09-2025, sworn to before Notary Public G.P. CHAYA Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **GOVINDAMMAL** mother of No 14930512N Hav (Clk SD) V Ramachandran resident of No 3/45, Kinaru Street, Village - Melkalathur, Post Office-Melkalathur, Tehsil- Arakkonam, Distt- Vellore, Pin- 632502 Changed my name from **GOVINDAMMAL to GOVINDHAMMAL VELAYUTHAM** and date of birth from **01 July 1962 to 02 Aug 1965** vide affidavit dt-22/08/25.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, PAVITHRA KIRAN, W/o. Kiran Kumar, residing at #55, Near Shanimahathma Temple, Ullal Upanagar, Bengaluru 560056, have changed my name to **PAVITHRA** vide Affidavit Dated: 20/09/2025, sworn before Notary MEER HASSAN, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **B V NAGARAJA,** R/at No. 899, 28th Main Road, 9th Block, Jayanagar, Bangalore-560 069 do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **NAGARAJA** to **B V NAGARAJA,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **B V NAGARAJA** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 19-09-2025, sworn before Advocate and Notary **LAKSHMAIAH** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, MEHARAJ YASEEN, Aged about 36 years. S/o. Mohammad Yaseen, Residing at No. 21, 7th Main 1st Cross. Shamanna Nagar. Behind Bilal Masjid. New Guddadahalli, Government Electric Factory, Bengaluru - 560026, have changed my name from **MEHRAJ Y** alias **MEHARAJ Y** to **MEHARAJ YASEEN,** vide affidavit dated 17/9/2025 sworn to before Hegde Ganapathi Venkatraman Advocate and Notary Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, SHREEHARI, S/o Mohan Das Paliath, aged about 41 years, Residing at No.306, 3rd Floor, Falcon Nest, Kaggadasapura, CV Raman Nagar, Bangalore-560093, Karnataka, have changed my name to **SHREEHARI PALIATH** vide affidavit dated: 20.09.2025 before advocate and notary N. Kanchivaradaraju, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **Aravinda Bhoggaram** S/o Sridhara murthy B.V. Residing at No.12, Ashagana, Adithya Garden 80 ft road, DS Max Stone Hill, Gollahalli, Anajanapura, Bangalore -560108 have changed my name to **Aravinda Boggaram** vide affidavit dated: 15/09/2025 sworn before notary Onkarappa.N.R, Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME
I, (OLD NAME) HASNAIN QUERISHI, residing at No. 48/11, 3RD Cross, Nizamuddin Mohalla, Baba Lane, Mysore Road, Bangalore-560002, have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) HASNAIN QUERISHI** to **(NEW NAME) HASNAIN QURASHI** vide affidavit dated 20.09.2025 sworn before Notary M.K.Devaki., Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **Smt. ROOPA .B,** W/o Sri Muthuraju, aged about 45 years, R/at No. 81, Darshan Nilayan, 19th Cross, 20th 'B' Main, SMS Layout, near A.V. School, J.P. Nagar 5th Phase, Bangalore-560 078 do hereby declare that both the names of my husband i.e. **MUTHAIAH** and **MUTHURAJU** are one and the same and refers to my husband only, but my husband correct name is **MUTHURAJU,** vide affidavit dated 20-09-2025, sworn before Advocate and Notary **S. JAYANNA** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **VIMAL GANAPATHILAL JAIN,** S/o. Ganapathilal Jain, Aged about 35 years, Residing at No. 125, Ward No. 1st Main Road, 3rd Cross, Vivekananda Nagar, Hosakote, Bangalore Rural District - 562 114, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **VIMAL GANAPATHILAL JAIN** to **VIMAL JAIN** vide affidavit dated 20.09.2025 sworn to before Puttaramaiah, Advocate & Notary, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **BASAVARAJ KAMMAR,** resident of #2, 9th A Main Road, Devi Circle, Chowdeshwarinagar, Chikkabettahalli, Vidyaranyapura, BENGALURU - 560097 have changed my name to **BASAVARAJ K** vide affidavit dated: 20.09.2025 before advocate and notary H.G. Venkataramu, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **Kavya Sadanandam** D/o Sadhanandhan. M Residing at No- 07, 3rd cross, Jayram street, R.S palya, Kammanahalli main road .M S Nagar post, Bengaluru -560033 have changed my name to **Kavya Sadhanandhan** vide affidavit dated:18/9/2025 sworn before notary Onkarappa .N.R, Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **S P MOHAMMED IQBAL,** S/o Abdul Jabbar, age 70 years, r/at 22nd Main, 3rd Cross, Shamanna Garden, 5th Phase, Opp. Arabic School, J.P. Nagar, Bangalore-560 078 do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **MOHAMED IQBAL** to **S P MOHAMMED IQBAL,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **S P MOHAMMED IQBAL** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 13-09-2025, sworn before Advocate and Notary **PRASAD SHETTY .K.B** at Bagnalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **POOJA TAPASKUMAR,** W/o Tapaskumar Maheshbhai Joshi, age 38 years, R/at D-Block flat No. 504, Concord Epitome Singena Agrahara Road, Gulimangala, Electronic City Phase-2, Bengaluru-560 100 do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **RAVIYA POOJA AMRUTLAL** to **POOJA TAPASKUMAR,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **POOJA TAPASKUMAR** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 16th Sept. 2025, sworn before Advocate and Notary **GANGARAJU .B.N** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, (OLD NAME) MOHAMMED IRFAN AHMED S/o Mohammed Ismail, Residing at No.39/4-12, 7th Cross Adarsha Nagar, Kaval Byrasandra, Bangalore-560032, have changed my Name from **(OLD NAME) MOHAMMED IRFAN AHMED to (NEW NAME) MOHAMMED IRFAN** Vide affidavit dated 15.09.2025 sworn before Notary S.R.Nanjunda Swamy, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, RAMACHANDRA G NAIK S/o Ganapathi Naik aged about 45 years Residing At: # 8, 1st Floor, Door No. F1, Vamshi Layout, Ragava Nagara, Neraluru, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru 562107, hereby declare that my names **RAMACHANDRA NAIK and RAMACHANDRA G NAIK** belongs to one and the same person, henceforth, I have decided to continue my name in future as **RAMACHANDRA G NAIK** Vide-affidavit dated 17-09-2025. Sworn before advocate and Notary, Amaranarayanareddy, Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **GOBIN PRADHAN** FATHER OF 9425895W HAV RAJU PRADHAN RESIDENT OF TEESTA VALLEY, UPPER KAMJET, RANGLI RANGLIOT, DARJEELING, WEST BENGAL 734226, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME FROM **GOBIN PRADHAN TO GOBIND NEWAR** VIDE AFFIDAVIT DATE 15 SEP-2025 SWORM BEFORE NOTARY SIVAKUMARA MN, BENGALURU.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **RAMPRASAD .N,** S/o Late Nagaiah, age 41 years, R/at No. 46C, 1st Cross, Jai Bhuvaneshwari Layout, Cambridge College Road, Krishnarajapuram, Bangalore-560 036 do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **RAMAPRASAD .N** to **RAMPRASAD .N,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **RAMPRASAD .N** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 19th Sept. 2025, sworn before Advocate and Notary **S. SUBASHINI** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **LATHA KADVERAIAH ESWARAIAH,** W/o N C Sadanandaiah, age 50 years, R/at No. 115/2, Old Yellamma Temple Road, HAL Post, Annasandrapalya, Vimanapura, Bengaluru-560 017 do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **LOLAKSHI KADVERAIAH ESWARAIAH** to **LATHA KADVERAIAH ESWARAIAH,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **LATHA KADVERAIAH ESWARAIAH** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 16th Sept. 2025, sworn before Advocate and Notary **GANGARAJU .B.N** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **PRASANNAKUMAR,** resident of **No-14, Peenya 2nd Stage, Raghavendra Colony near Presidency School Bengaluru-560058,** have changed my name to **PRASANNA KUMAR P** vide affidavit dated: 17.09.2025 before advocate and notary B. Prasanna, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **Usha K,** D/o. K Krishna, aged about 37 years, residing at No.408, Jay Lake View, 3rd Floor, 60 feet Road, Muddinapalya Main Road, Gidadakonenahalli Vishwaneedam Post, Bengaluru - 560091, I declare that in my some documents my father's name mentioned as **K KRISHNA,** and in my some documents my father's name mentioned as **Krishna Poojari,** and I declare that I wish to continue my father's name as, **K Krishna** in all my documents., vide affidavit dated 19/9/2025 sworn to before S Vijayakumar Advocate and Notary Bangalore

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From selling popcorn to editing *Kantara Chapter 1*, every cut taught me something: Suresh Mallaiah

The one-time office boy and self-taught editor, who calls Puneeth Rajkumar his guiding light, traces his unlikely journey to shaping Rishab Shetty's epic prequel, and the lessons learned editing one of India's most ambitious films

Suresh Mallaiah with Puneeth Rajkumar

> *Rishab always had a structure in mind. He would narrate clearly, and after each draft, he'd shuffle and tweak. Over time, I understood his rhythm. The challenge was to reduce corrections, to get closer to his vision*
>
> Suresh Mallaiah, editor

A SHARADHAA

SURESH Mallaiah, known simply as "Suri" to those close to him, sits today at the editing desk of one of the most highly anticipated films: *Kantara Chapter 1*. Yet, his path to the cutting room was anything but conventional. A former popcorn seller, office boy, and data entry operator, Suresh never stepped into a film school. His education was the everyday hustle, his lessons picked up on the job, and the first person's name he mentions is Puneeth Rajkumar, whom he fondly calls Appu. The story begins in 2003, when an 18-year-old Suresh was selling popcorn outside a park in Sadashivanagar. Puneeth Rajkumar, fresh from the success of *Appu* and preparing for *Abhi*, would often pass in and out of the park during his walks. Their interactions were fleeting, but life-changing. "First time, when he saw me selling popcorn, he told me there is space for youngsters and I should look out. The second time, he insisted I learn something innovative. That's when I stopped selling popcorn." What followed was a string of jobs, from office assistant to DTP operator. With fast fingers on the keyboard, Suresh landed at ETV through a friend and senior, Jagadish. In 2006, he joined studios as an office boy, sneaking peeks at editors at work. "I would often just stand and watch, fascinated by how they shaped stories. That's how my real training began," he says.

A turning point came in 2014, when Suresh met Raghavendra Hunsur, who later took him to

Suresh Mallaiah and Rishab Shetty

Zee Kannada. There, Suresh rose to become Chief Editor, handling fiction and non-fiction shows while continuing to nurture his cinematic ambitions. Suresh's big break in film editing arrived with *Hostel Hudugaru Bekagiddare* (2019), directed by Nithin Krishnamurthy. Cinematographer Arvind Kashyap, who met Suresh during the shoot and recognised his sharp eye for rhythm and cuts, recommended him to Rishab Shetty. That recommendation eventually placed Suresh at the heart of *Kantara Chapter 1*. backed by Hombale Films "When Rishab saw my work at the first edit, on action sequences, he was impressed. That was enough for me to give my whole heart to the project," says Suresh. The editor balanced his regular role as post-production director while immersing himself in the editing suite. He devoted himself fully, describing the process as relentless: "*Kantara Chapter 1* doesn't let you go easily." For Suresh, the process was as much about learning as delivering. He says, "Rishab always had a structure in mind. He would narrate clearly, and after each draft, he'd shuffle and tweak. Over time, I understood his rhythm. The challenge was to reduce corrections, to get closer to his vision. That's where I grew the most." Having honed his craft in television, Suresh enjoyed bringing cinematic instincts to serials too, with Jothe Jotheyali, where he experimented with unique cuts and cinematic style. Suresh explains, "Television is about reactions, cinema is about breathing space. With *Kantara*, the grandeur was in giving space to the scenes. That's something I carried forward in my editing."

In order to immerse himself in the mythical world of *Kantara*, Suresh had to grasp the spiritual undercurrents. He says, "A friend of mine from Mangaluru explained the Guliga tradition of that region. Understanding that helped me approach the sequences with reverence. All gods are the same, but traditions differ, and that texture had to reflect in the cut." For Suresh, the edit desk became both a temple and a battleground. "Editing is like stitching. If the stitch is strong, the film lives. Rishab is straightforward. If it works, he says so. If not, he says that as well. That honesty kept me on my toes," he says. Even as the world waits for *Kantara Chapter 1*, Suresh admits he is already in its hangover, having lived with the film for a long-time. As a viewer, he believes audiences are in for something rare. "Every character, from Rishab to Jayaram sir, is mesmerising. The grandeur, the divine elements, the scale, it's unlike anything."

Gratitude runs through Suresh's journey, with Puneeth Rajkumar, Jagadish, Raghavendra Hunsur, Arvind Kashyap, Rishab Shetty and Vijay Kiragandur forming milestones on his path. Yet he returns, once again, to where it all began. "What Appu sir told me back then became my reality. He was my divine guide. If he hadn't said those words, I'd still be selling popcorn. *Kantara Chapter 1* is the life he unknowingly set me on," concludes Suresh.

Rupert Friend to star in *The Boy in the Iron Box*

CE FEATURES

THE cast of the Netflix adaptation of The Boy in the Iron Box, from Chuck Hogan and Guillermo Del Toro, has been announced. Rupert Friend, Kevin Durand, and Jaeden Martell are the leads in the film, which is backed by Del Toro and helmed by The Empty Man-fame David Prior. He also worked with Del Toro on an episode of Cabinet of Curiosities.

The six-part novella series begins with a plane carrying a team of mercenaries crashing on a remote snowy summit. In an attempt to seek shelter while evading wolves, they come across an abandoned fortress where the men find a hidden pit with a box wrapped in chains. As fear takes on a terrifying new form, the true fight for survival begins. While Friend will play Liev, the leader of the group, Durand is one of the mercenaries. Martell portrays the titular boy in the iron box. Del Toro is awaiting the release of his adaptation of Frankenstein, which will stream on Netflix on November 7.

S Mahendar and Megha Shetty in talks for a women-oriented Script

CE FEATURES

VETERAN director S Mahendar is reportedly in talks with actor Megha Shetty for a women-centric film, with producer Chalavadi Kumar (*Sanju Weds Geetha 2*) backing the project. The film aims to deliver a compelling female-focused narrative rooted in real-life events.

Megha Shetty, the popular TV serial actor who has transitioned to films, has been selective about her projects. She has already completed *Gramayana* with Vinay Rajkumar and is awaiting the release of After *Operation London Cafe*. She is also currently working on Cheetah with Prajwal Devaraj.

According to sources, the actor, director, and producer have held several discussions. Mahendar has been drawn to this subject and is keen to bring it to the screen. Known for his family-oriented and women-centric stories, the director is reportedly shaping a script that highlights social realities while keeping the narrative engaging.

The team is planning a multilingual release to reach a wider audience beyond Karnataka. Cinematographer Karunakar is expected to come on board, and music will be composed by Sridhar Sambhram.

An official announcement about the film is expected soon.

S Mahendar

The film, backed by Chalavadi Kumar, is said to be inspired by real-life incidents that happened in B'luru and Chikkamagaluru

Megha Shetty

A SHARADHAA

CINEMA often explores the tension between tradition and desire. *Jotheyagi Hithavagi*, directed by AR Krishna does this by featuring a young man and the values he inherits. These come from a father who believes discipline is not just a virtue, but a way of life. For Shankara (Aanand Ninasam), timing, promises, or even food choices are not open to discussion. If he chooses Rava Idli for breakfast, that is all he will have. If he vows never to remarry after his wife dies, he will take that promise to his grave.

His strictness becomes the son's legacy. Karun (Agastya), raised under such rigid rules, learns that once a decision is made, it cannot be changed. When he meets Kavya (Suvartha), a colleague who appreciates his sincerity, their romance unfolds. It includes tentative gestures, hesitation, and a slow development of affection. However, conflict is essential in cinema, and it appears here through misunderstandings and his father's interference. A jealous colleague disrupts Karun's proposal, Kavya holds back her true feelings, and by the time she reveals them, Karun is already locked into an arranged marriage set up by his father and the matchmaker, Number Narayana (Chethan Durga).

At its best, the film reflects on promises and the weight of family obligations. The story raises thought-provoking questions: must vows be kept at any cost, or should life allow for some adaptability? Is discipline a form of strength, or does it lead to confinement? A touching father-son relationship lies at the heart of the film, especially when Karun respects his father so much that he never misses a phone call, even if it jeopardizes his own happiness.

Yet the execution does not fully match the film's ambitious themes. The writing tends to be wordy, stretching minor events into drawn-out drama, confusing rigidity with depth. A scene where Shankara insists on his breakfast choice is intended to reveal character but feels exaggerated—a metaphor delivered too clumsily. Additionally, Karun's internal struggle, while conceptually strong, unfolds in predictable melodrama instead of subtle exploration.

STRONG in principle, average in PRACTICE

JOTHEYAGI HITHAVAGI
Director: A R Krishna
Cast: Agastya K, Suvartha M, Aanand Ninasam, Bhumika Deshpande, Chethan Durga, and Vijaykumar Mangsule

RATING 2.5/5

The performances mirror this unevenness. Agastya is sufficient, showing sincerity but often not surpassing the screenplay's limitations. Suvartha, as Kavya, has a charming presence, yet her character is reduced to playing a waiting game. The father stands out with some weight; his strictness can be frustrating, but his grief and love for his son occasionally break through his stern façade. Number Narayana offers commentary on modern marriage practices, providing a rare moment of satire, though these moments are uneven.

Stylistically, the film is serviceable but lacks creativity. The camerawork is basic and rarely imaginative. The music relies heavily on sentiment, pushing the audience toward feelings that the drama struggles to generate. What we are left with is a bare-bones narrative: a significant story about discipline and love, told without the skill to lift it.

The result is an average experience—neither completely dull nor especially engaging. The father's philosophy and discipline persist, but the storytelling falls short.